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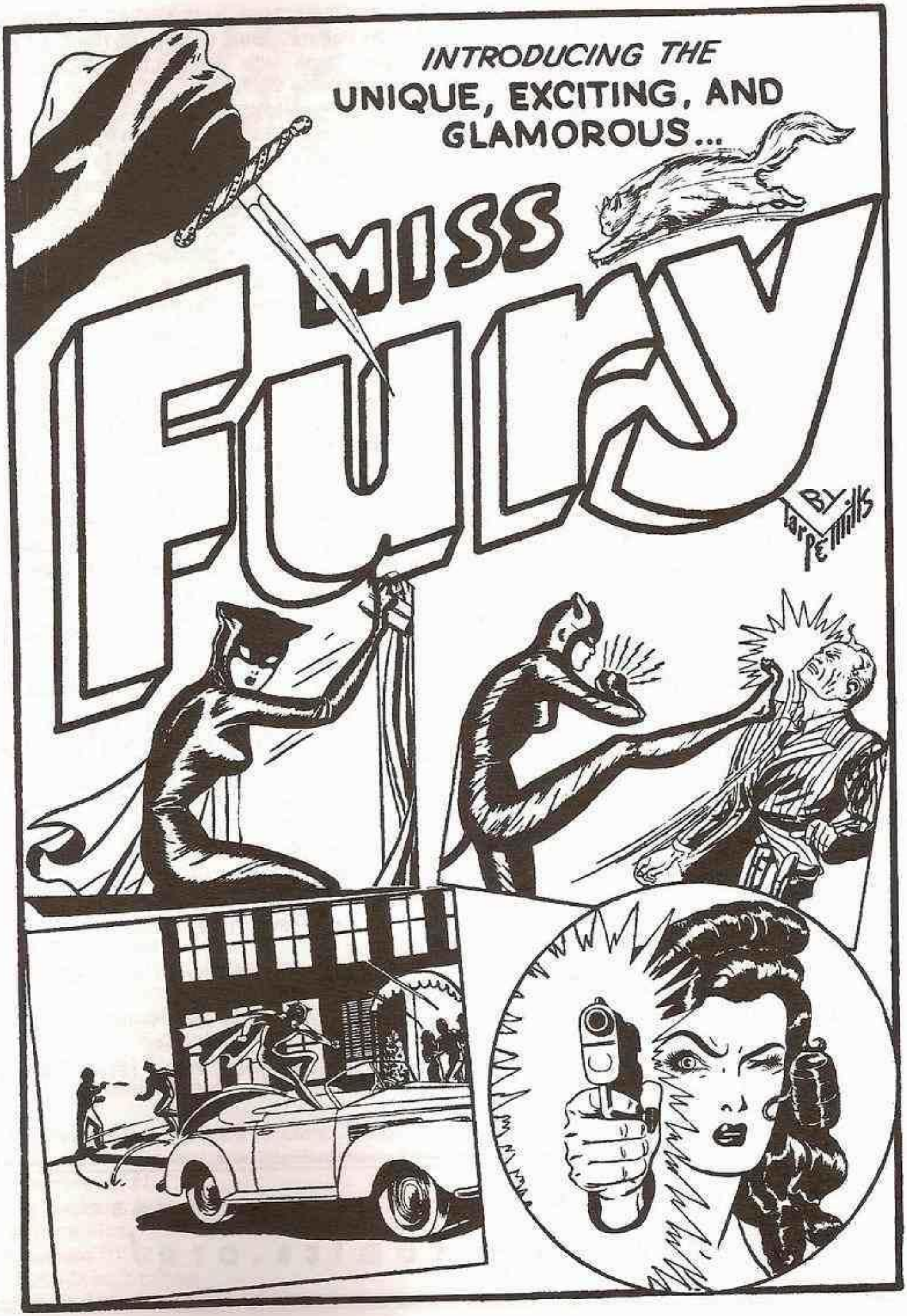
INTRODUCING THE
UNIQUE, EXCITING, AND
GLAMOROUS...
MISS
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BY
Tarpé Mills

MARLA DRAKE HAS A PHONE CALL BEFORE GOING TO A MASQUERADE PARTY

SHE IS ?? HMPH!! WELL, THANKS FOR TELLING ME, ALICE .. 'BYE!

MERCY!! MISS MARLA WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

...AND CAROL IS WEARING THE **SAME** THING--SO THAT SETTLES IT, I'M NOT GOING!

SUCH A PITY, MAM'SELLE BUT--WHY NOT WEAR THE BLACK LEOPARD SKIN YOUR UNCLE LEFT YOU?

WHAT? WHY, THAT WAS WORN BY A WITCH-DOCTOR IN AFRICA--AS A CEREMONIAL ROBE. UGH!

OUI, MAM'SELLE, BUT IT WOULD BE SO DISTINGUÉ!

AHH--MASQUERADE PARTIES ARE SO ROMANTIC!

AT LEAST NO ONE **ELSE** WILL BE WEARING THE <u>SAME</u> THING! GOOD NIGHT, FRANCINE!

GOOD EVENING, CAPPY, DID THE GARAGEMAN SEND THE CAR?

WOW! IF I DIDN'T HEAR YOUR VOICE, MISS MARLA, I WOULDN'T KNOW YOU! YEP! HERE'S THE KEY.

MIGHT AS WELL HAVE SOME MUSIC!

...NEWS BULLETIN...A FOUR STATE HUNT IS ON FOR THE ESCAPED KILLER OF----

AS MARLA SPEEDS DOWN THE ROAD

LONELY ROAD.. BUT IT'S A SHORT CUT AND-- **WHAT'S THAT?**.. OOOH--I'M GOING TO CRASH...

WHEW!! ALMOST HIT IT!!

OKAY, BUD... GET OUT!!

YOU HEARD WHAT I SAID, BUD, GET OUT!

WHAT FOR?

WELL, I'LL BE--

LISTEN, SISTER, YOU'RE WASTING TIME... GET OUT!
OH... OH! THIS IS THE KILLER THE RADIO FLASH SAID IS BEING HUNTED!

LET GO OF ME, YOU BIG BULLY!

WHY, YOU SHE-DEVIL, I'LL ---

WHAT TH--

OH, NO! YOU DON'T... I'LL TAKE THAT!
OW-W-W!

THEN, MAYBE YOU CAN TAKE THIS, TOO!

HEY---YOU! WAKE UP!!

GOOD! HE MUST HAVE HIT HIS HEAD ON THE BUMPER AND -- WHAT'S THIS? A BADGE! WHY, HE'S **NOT** THE KILLER! HE'S--

...HE'S A **DETECTIVE**! GREAT HEAVENS! MUST GET A DOCTOR---FAST!!

WHAT FOR?

?!!

PRETTY SLICK WAY YOU HANDLED THIS DETECTIVE, TOOTS... HE'S OUT COLD!

HA! THE GREAT DETECTIVE CAREY THOUGHT HE'D GET KILLER DAWSON, BUT THANKS TO YOU, BABY, HE DIDN'T! NOW I'LL PLUG HIM FOR KEEPS!

DON'T BE FOOLISH! HIS SKULL IS PROBABLY FRACTURED ANYWAY--COME, I'LL HELP YOU MAKE A GETAWAY IN MY CAR! IF HE <u>DOES</u> COME TO, THE LAUGH WILL STILL BE ON HIM!

YEH! WHAT A LAUGH! A BEAUTIFUL DAME KICKS HIM AROUND AND THEN HELPS KILLER DAWSON ESCAPE! OKAY, SISTER, GET IN YOUR CAR... BUT, <u>I'LL</u> DO THE DRIVING!

WHAT'S MY RACKET AND WHY THE COSTUME? CURIOUS, AREN'T YOU?

SAY! YOU'RE A PRETTY COOL NUMBER, SIS... AND YOU GOT SOME CLASSY CHASSIS! SIT CLOSER, BABE!

LOOKOUT! YOU CRAZY FOOL, YOU'LL PUT MY EYES OUT -- OW-W!!

OOOF!

HIT THAT STEERING WHEEL JUST RIGHT... HE'S UNCONSCIOUS!

NOW TO GET IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND GET BACK TO THAT DETECTIVE!

AH! HERE WE ARE! DETECTIVE STILL LYING THERE, HOPE HE'S -- UH... ...DAWSON...IS.. HEAVY!!

EVEN IF YOU SHOULD REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS FIRST, MR. DAWSON, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANY HARM ... WHAT WITH YOUR LEFT HAND TIED BEHIND YOU IN A SLEEVE AND ...

...YOUR RIGHT HAND MANACLED TO DETECTIVE CAREY!

CLICK

BUT, WHAT-- WHO ARE YOU?

PLEASE, DOCTOR, HURRY! DOWN THE ROAD ... TWO MEN MANACLED TOGETHER! ONE IS KILLER DAWSON-- THE OTHER DETECTIVE CAREY! THEY'RE INJURED-- HELP THEM!

WAIT! MISS! COME BACK HERE ... COME BACK!

GOT TO GET HOME AND OUT OF THIS COSTUME!

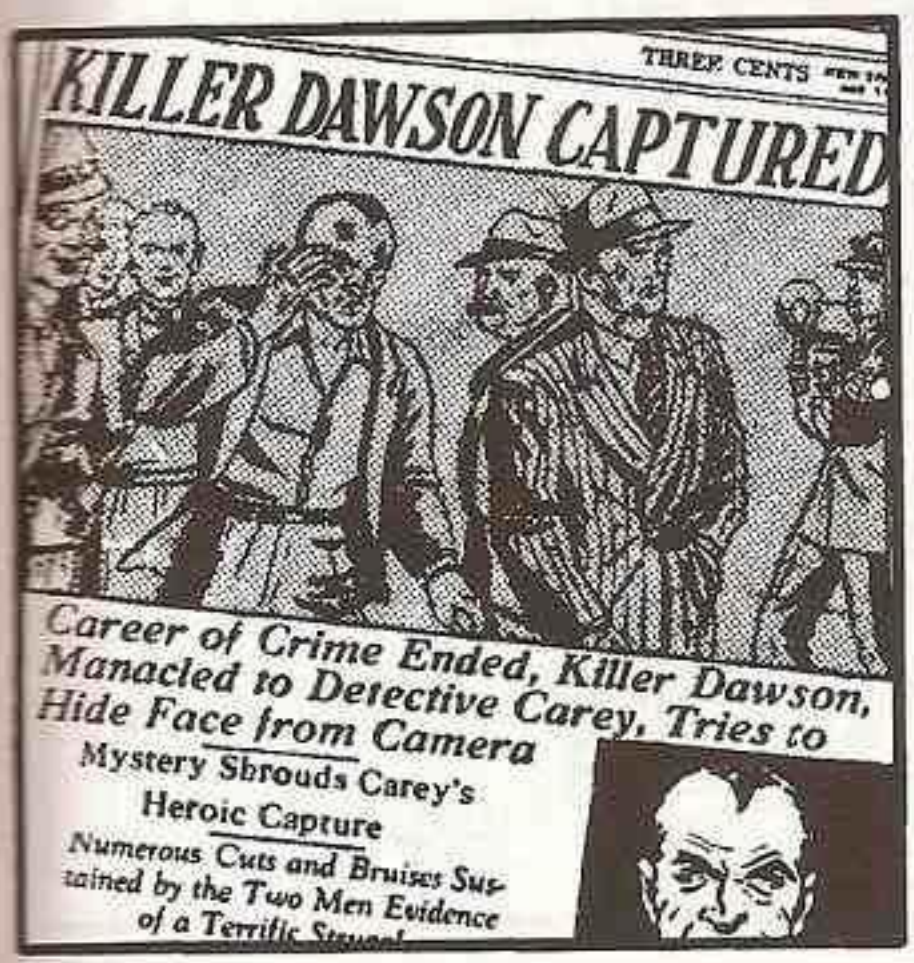
BACK FROM THE MASQUERADE SO SOON, MISS MARLA? SAY-- IS ANYTHING WRONG?

PLEASE, CAPPY, DON'T MENTION A WORD TO ANYONE ABOUT THIS COSTUME! PROMISE!

NEXT MORNING--

WHAT IS IT, FRANCINE?

BUT LOOK, MISS MARLA, AT THE GOOD NEWS! EVERYTHING TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT AND THERE IS NO MENTION OF YOU!


THREE CENTS
KILLER DAWSON CAPTURED
Career of Crime Ended, Killer Dawson, Manacled to Detective Carey, Tries to Hide Face from Camera
Mystery Shrouds Carey's Heroic Capture
Numerous Cuts and Bruises Sustained by the Two Men Evidence of a Terrific Struggl

Ward Mitchell Around Town

TEE-HEE Despite the twitting from reporters, Detective Carey still maintains that stony silence about his capture of Killer Dawson, but from a tip to this column, we suspect that a gorgeous femme, dressed in a black leopard costume, who reported finding the two men to a local M D , also had a hand in the capture which might explain the powder on Dawson's kisser . . . . From all the scratches both guys received, this black-clad venus must be a veritable feline fury Tennyrate, we're willing to bet our bottom dollar that Carey won't rest until he discovers who BLACK FURY is

HM-M-M Such elegance . . . . We mean the luxury in which refugee Baroness Erica Von Kampf is surrounded . . . . Particularly since the Baroness was reported to be penniless upon her arrival in this country . . . and now such opulence HOW COME?

WE RE TELLING YOU: That James Dana will be appointed Special Prosecutor within a week . . . .

M-M-M • • PERHAPS HE IS BEGINNING TO SUSPECT MY REAL PURPOSE IN THIS COUNTRY! THINK I'LL TAKE A VACATION IN MEXICO FOR A WHILE! BUT FIRST-- I'LL PAY A VISIT TO MR. MIGUEL RICO!

MEANWHILE • • • MARLA RECEIVES A VISIT FROM MRS. JAMES DANA • • •
GRACE, DEAR, I JUST READ THAT JIM WILL BE APPOINTED SPECIAL PROSECUTOR AND I-- WHY, GRACE, YOU'RE CRYING!!
I--I HATE TO ASK YOU, MARLA • • • BUT. I'VE COME TO BORROW MONEY • • • YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN PAYING BLACK-MAIL MONEY AND • •
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YOU SAY THE LETTERS LOOK SO AUTHENTIC, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PROVE THEY WEREN'T YOURS··· AND THAT HE THREATENS TO EXPOSE THEM? GRACE, THAT WOULD RUIN JIM'S CAREER, TOO! WHO IS THIS MAN?

MIGUEL RICO!

AND YOU'RE TO GIVE HIM THIS MONEY WHEN YOU MEET HIM FOR LUNCH? WELL, I'M GOING WITH YOU··· I'LL BE DRESSED IN A MINUTE!

NO! MARLA, PLEASE··· IF HE MEETS YOU, HE'S BOUND TO CAUSE YOU TROUBLE!

GRACE, YOU CAN'T CONTINUE TO PAY BLACKMAIL MONEY·· WHY DON'T YOU CALL HIS BLUFF?

IF IT WEREN'T FOR JIM'S CAREER, I WOULD! I'D DO IT TO SAVE OTHER WOMEN FROM THE SAME THING·· OBVIOUSLY, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE RICO HAS BLACKMAILED!

IF I LEND YOU THE MONEY, GRACE, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO BUY BACK THE LETTERS FROM MIGUEL RICO?

I DON'T KNOW, MARLA, SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE HE HAS PROMISED TO DESTROY THEM, BUT NEVER DOES!

AND IN THE SUMPTUOUS APARTMENT OF BARONESS ERICA VON KAMPF···

I'D BETTER LEAVE TOWN FOR A WHILE UNTIL THAT SNOOPER, MITCHELL, QUIETS DOWN··· BUT, I'VE GOT TO SEE RICO FIRST AND PAY HIM OFF!

PHONE RINGING AGAIN·· NOW, WHAT?

MR. BRUNO BEITZ TO SEE BARONESS VON KAMPF!

GREAT HEAVENS! HE MUST HAVE READ THAT NEWSPAPER COLUMN!

OH·· ER·· YES, LET HIM COME UP!

DON'T BOTHER HIDING THE NEWSPAPER, "BARONESS"!

I WAS JUST-- OOOooH!

FOOL! HAVE I NOT WARNED YOU TO LIVE MORE DISCREETLY? ALREADY THE COLUMNISTS QUESTION WHERE ALL THIS MONEY COMES FROM!

THIS MONEY THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU TO GET INFORMATION ON THE SAILING DATES AND CARGO OF THE SUPPLY SHIPS! IF YOU FAIL NOW, I'LL ---

PLEASE, BRUNO! MY ARM ··· YOU'LL BREAK IT!

EVERY WEEK SUPPLIES AND AMMUNITION ARE BEING SHIPPED TO OUR ENEMIES··· IT HAS GOT TO BE CURTAILED AND FAST! WHERE ARE THESE PAPERS CONTAINING THE SAILING DATES AND SHIPS' INSTRUCTIONS THAT I'VE BEEN PAYING YOU FOR?

I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, BRUNO···

AS YOU KNOW, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND EVEN ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT ANYTHING·· BUT A FRIEND OF MINE MR. MIGUEL RICO, HAS SOMEHOW BEEN ABLE TO GET THIS INFORMATION FROM A WOMAN VERY HIGH IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES···

BUT I'LL NEED MORE MONEY TO PAY HIM!

MEANWHILE···

I WISH YOU'D CHANGE YOUR MIND, MARLA!

NO! I'M VERY CURIOUS TO MEET THIS MIGUEL RICO!

DIDN'T ANYONE ELSE EVER TELL YOU HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE?

NOT AS NICELY AS YOU JUST HAVE, MR. RICO!

I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT! WHY DID I INTRODUCE MIGUEL RICO TO MARLA··· SHE SEEMS COMPLETELY FASCINATED BY HIM!

TWO MINUTES LATER···

THEN, I MAY CALL FOR YOU TONIGHT AT EIGHT-THIRTY, MARLA?

ER, YES, MIGUEL, BUT I MUST GO NOW·· GRACE IS BECOMING IMPATIENT!

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RICO? MIGUEL RICO? WHO IS HE? HAVE YOU TOLD HIM ANYTHING ABOUT--

NO! NO, BRUNO! I'VE TOLD HIM NOTHING···JUST LET ME EXPLAIN!

WELL, GO ON···GO ON! WHAT ABOUT HIM?

HE IS THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU WANT! IF YOU GIVE ME THE MONEY TO PAY HIM, I'LL HAVE THIS INFORMATION FOR YOU TONIGHT··· AND HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT OUR PLAN!

ALL RIGHT, "BARONESS," THERE'S THE MONEY. BUT REMEMBER, ONE FALSE MOVE AND -- WELL, I THINK YOU KNOW HOW OUR SECRET AGENTS HANDLE TRAITORS AND TRAITRESSES! GOOD BYE!

OH··OH! AND RICO DOES KNOW ABOUT THE PLOT.

SECRET AGENTS BE HANGED! I'LL NOT PAY ALL THIS MONEY TO MIGUEL RICO!

BACK HOME, MARLA CONFIDES IN FRANCINE...

...AND I KNOW RICO MUST KEEP THOSE BLACKMAIL LETTERS IN HIS HOME. THE ONLY WAY I CAN HELP GRACE IS TO GET THEM BACK!

YES, MAM'SELLE. BUT HOW?

I MAY NEED YOUR HELP, FRANCINE, BECAUSE RICO IS COMING HERE AT EIGHT-THIRTY! BUT BEFORE THEN, I PLAN TO VISIT HIS HOME AND--

LATER...

WELL, MIGUEL, YOU HAVE THE SAILING DATES OF THE SUPPLY SHIPS AND THEIR COURSES MAPPED, GIVING THE POSITIONS WHERE THE CONVOYS MEET THEM?

EVERYTHING COMPLETE RIGHT IN MY POCKET! SO COMPLETE, MY DEAR BARONESS, THAT IT'S WORTH MUCH MORE THAN THE PRICE I FIRST QUOTED!

INDEED? AND HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT INCREASE?

WHY, MY DEAR BARONESS, CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INFORMATION AND CONSIDER THE RISK I'VE TAKEN.. FOR WHICH I INTEND TO BE PAID!

YOU ARE RIGHT, MY DEAR MIGUEL! YOU HAVE TAKEN A GREAT RISK... FAR GREATER THAN YOU KNEW... AND YOU ARE NOW GOING TO BE **PAID OFF!**

...THEN WHEN MR. RICO ARRIVES, I AM TO TELL HIM TO WAIT, THAT I EXPECT YOU ANY MOMENT?

RIGHT! THAT WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO HUNT FOR GRACE'S. LETTERS! BETTER BRING OUT MY HOODED EVENING WRAP, IT WILL CONCEAL THE COSTUME!

MEANWHILE...

HA! HA! SO YOU FELL FOR THAT ONE, BARONESS? THINK I'D BE SAP ENOUGH TO CARRY AROUND THAT INFORMATION IN MY POCKET? STOW THE POPGUN AND BE YOUR AGE!

YOU MEAN YOU HAVEN'T GOT DUPLICATES OF THE SUPPLY SHIPS' SEALED ORDERS AND THE CONVOY CHARTS?

CERTAINLY I HAVE! PUT UP THE DOUGH AND I'LL PRODUCE THEM! BETTER ACT FAST... THEY'RE NOT HOLDING UP SHIPS SO YOUR BULLET-HEADED BOY FRIEND CAN ARRANGE FOR SUBMARINES TO KISS 'EM GOOD-BYE!

BUT MIGUEL, I HAVEN'T GOT THAT MUCH MONEY AND I CAN'T RAISE ANY MORE!

HERE! THIS IS ALL I HAVE! PLEASE, MIGUEL, BE REASONABLE..

C'MON, SCRAM! IT'S GETTING LATE AND I HAVE A DATE WITH "CLASS" TONIGHT!

YOU MISERABLE CAD! I---

DON'T SLAM THE DOOR AS YOU GO OUT, BARONESS!

H-MM!

A DANGEROUS WENCH AND CRAFTY, TOO... BUT NO DAME EVER OUTSMARTED RICO! GOTTA TAKE PLENTY OF CASH WITH ME TONIGHT IF I WANT TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON THE NEW BABE!

OH, HO! THAT'S WHERE HE STORES EVERYTHING!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, RICO'S CAR ROARS OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY AND . . .

THERE HE GOES! NOW TO SEARCH FOR THOSE BLACKMAIL LETTERS!

THIS IS PERFECT! NOW I HAVE THESE AND THE MONEY TOO - - -

WHAT'S THAT?

SOMEONE COMING IN THAT WINDOW WHO . . . ISN'T GOING TO LEAVE!!

IT'S A WOMAN! I'LL DUCK BEHIND THE SCREEN AGAIN . . . . . NO NEED TO SHOOT UNTIL I FIND OUT WHAT SHE'S AFTER!

THERE! NOW I CAN SEE AND . . . . GOOD HEAVENS! AN OPEN WALL SAFE! COULD RICO HAVE BEEN SO STUPID AS TO LEAVE IT THAT WAY?

WHY, SHE MUST BE THE BLACK FURY! THIS IS INDEED BECOMING COMPLICATED!

MEANWHILE.....

GREAT SCOTT.....I LEFT MY WALLET IN THE SMOKING JACKET! HANG IT ALL.....I HAVE TO GO BACK! CAN'T TAKE A BABE LIKE MARLA OUT UNLESS YOU'RE WELL HEELED!

THIS IS AMAZING! FINDING THE SAFE WIDE OPEN AND GRACE'S LETTERS STREWN ALL OVER!

THAT'S ODD! I COULD SWEAR I TURNED OFF THOSE LIGHTS..... I WONDER?

WHAT TH'.... DROP THOSE LETTERS!

OH...OH!

BLAST YOU..... DROP THEM OR I'LL STRANGLE YOU! OW-W-W!

CLAW MY FACE, WILL YOU? WELL, THERE'S ONE WAY TO END YOUR PROWLING CAREER!

AND THIS IS IT!

GOT HIM!

SHOTS WERE FIRED SIMULTANEOUSLY... HIS BULLET WENT WILD!

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EXCELLENT! I HAVE THE CONVOY SHIPS' SEALED ORDERS... THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING RICO IS NOW OUT OF THE WAY... AND MISS BLACK FURY WILL HAVE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO TO THE POLICE! AS AN ADDED TOUCH, I'LL JUST REMOVE THIS --- SO!

WHA--WHAT HAPPENED? HE FIRED AT ME.... BULLET WENT OVER MY HEAD WHEN I DROPPED TO THE FLOOR...AND YET...HE SEEMS TO BE WOUNDED!

NUMBER PLEASE! OPERATOR.. ..OP--

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MR. RICO! MR. RICO! GREAT HEAVENS! HE'S BEEN SHOT!

HO! THAT CAR WASN'T PARKED IN FRONT OF MINE BEFORE! IT'S NOT RICO'S ... SO IT MUST BELONG TO MISS FURY! HMM--I THINK I HAVE A BOTTLE IN THIS SIDE POCKET...AH, YES! HERE IT IS!

TEE-HEE! POOR THING... I HOPE SHE BROUGHT A COUPLE OF SPARE TIRES ALONG... BECAUSE SHE'S GOING TO NEED THEM!

WAIT'LL BRUNO HEARS OF THIS...HE'LL DIE LAUGHING AT--- HA! WHAT DID I TELL YOU... POLICE SIRENS ALREADY!

SOMEONE MUST HAVE FIRED AT HIM FROM THE WINDOW JUST AS HE PULLED THE TRIGGER TO SHOOT ME! BUT, NO MATTER, I'D BETTER CALL AN AMBULANCE, HE SEEMS TO BE MUMBLING AND--

POLICE SIRENS!!

...LET THEM TAKE CARE OF HIM! DON'T HAVE THEM FIND ME HERE OR GRACE'S LETTERS EITHER.. WHAT A SCANDAL!

OH--OH! I'VE JUST RUN OVER GLASS AND THERE'S···THERE'S A POLICE CAR COMING DOWN THE ROAD!

...GOT AWAY JUST IN TIME··· THE POLICE CAR STOPPED AT RICO'S HOUSE! I HOPE THAT GLASS DIDN'T DAMAGE MY TIRES! WONDER HOW BADLY RICO IS HURT··· WHO SHOT HIM···AND WHAT THE POLICE WILL SAY?

WELL, CAREY, LOOKS LIKE YOUR FRIEND, BLACK FURY, PULLED THIS JOB! CAME TO ROB RICO···THERE'S THE SAFE WIDE OPEN! HE CAUGHT HER IN THE ACT··· LOOK AT THE WAY HIS FACE IS CLAWED! DESPERATE TO MAKE A GETAWAY, SHE PLUGGED HIM!

IS RICO ABLE TO TALK?

...E BLACK FURY··IS BARONESS--

WHO? SPEAK UP, MAN··· WHO IS SHE?

HE'S UNCONSCIOUS. BETTER GIVE ME A HAND TO LIFT HIM ON THE STRETCHER!

H-MM! DOES BARONESS MEAN SOME PHONY UNDERWORLD TAG OR-- WELL, I'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH!

AT THE SAME TIME···

NEARLY HOME! WHAT A NIGHT···THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL EVER WEAR THIS LEOPARD SKIN OR PLAY DETECTIV-- YEOW! A BLOWOUT!

JUST MY LUCK···AND ONLY SIX BLOCKS FROM HOME! DAREN'T RIDE ANY FURTHER··· PEOPLE WILL NOTICE THE FLAT AND STARE! GOT TO PARK THE CAR BY THIS CURB AND TAKE A CHANCE WALKING!

ONLY FOUR MORE BLOCKS TO GO··· BUT, I CAN MAKE MUCH BETTER TIME IF I DUCK DOWN THE NEXT SIDE-STREET!

THEATRE

I'M SORRY I--

HEY, WAIT! HOLY SMOKES!

POLICE! POLICE!!

AT THE SAME TIME···

POLICE! POLI--

LET GO OF YOU IDIOT

OW-W! SHE GOT AWAY! SHE CLAWED ME! HELP! POLICE!

WHAT TH-- SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S BEIN' MURDERED! ... MUST BE AROUND THE CORNER!

GOT PAST THE DOORMAN! NOW, TO GET TO THE ROOF ... MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLIMB TO THE NEXT HOUSE!

OOOOH! POLICE CARS DOWN IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF THIS BUILDING AND ... AND THERE'S NO OTHER ROOF NEAR ... I'M RIGHT OVER A PENTHOUSE!

IF I'D BROUGHT CLOTHES ALONG IN THE CAR, THIS NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED! NOW I HAVE TO HIDE SOME-PLACE ... ANYPLACE!

OH, MY - LOOK! A DRESS, HAT, SHOES, EVERYTHING I NEED ... SPREAD RIGHT OUT ON THE BED ... AND NO ONE IN SIGHT!

THIS WON'T REALLY BE STEALING··· BECAUSE I'LL SEND THESE THINGS BACK AS SOON AS I GET HOME!

GOOD THING I LEFT GRACE'S LETTERS LOCKED IN THE CAR! AS FOR THIS COSTUME, I NEVER EVER WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN··AND THIS LOOKS LIKE AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO BURY IT!

TAKE THAT DRESS OFF!

BUT, REALLY, I'M ONLY BORROWING IT··· I'LL EVEN PAY YOU FOR --

ARE YOU TRYING TO BE FUNNY? GET IT OFF OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE, YOU COMMON SNEAK THIEF!

THERE! TAKE IT! ···AND I'M NOT A SNEAK THIEF!

MY EYE! MY EYE! YOU'VE PUT MY EYE OUT! I'LL KILL YOU, I'LL--

OH, NO, YOU WON'T! NOW IT'S MY TURN!!

YOU'LL HAVE MORE THAN A BLACK EYE BEFORE I'M THROUGH WITH---

GREAT HEAVENS! A BELL IS RINGING!

LET GO! YOU'RE BREAKING MY ARM!

I RANG AGAIN, MR. BEITZ, BUT BARONESS VON KAMPF STILL DOESN'T ANSWER... SHE MUST BE OUT!

THAT... IS... IMPOSSIBLE! I KNOW SHE IS HOME!

...AND I'M GOING TO BORROW YOUR CLOTHES WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT! THANK GOODNESS, THE BELL STOPPED RINGING... WHOEVER IT WAS MUST HAVE GONE AWAY!

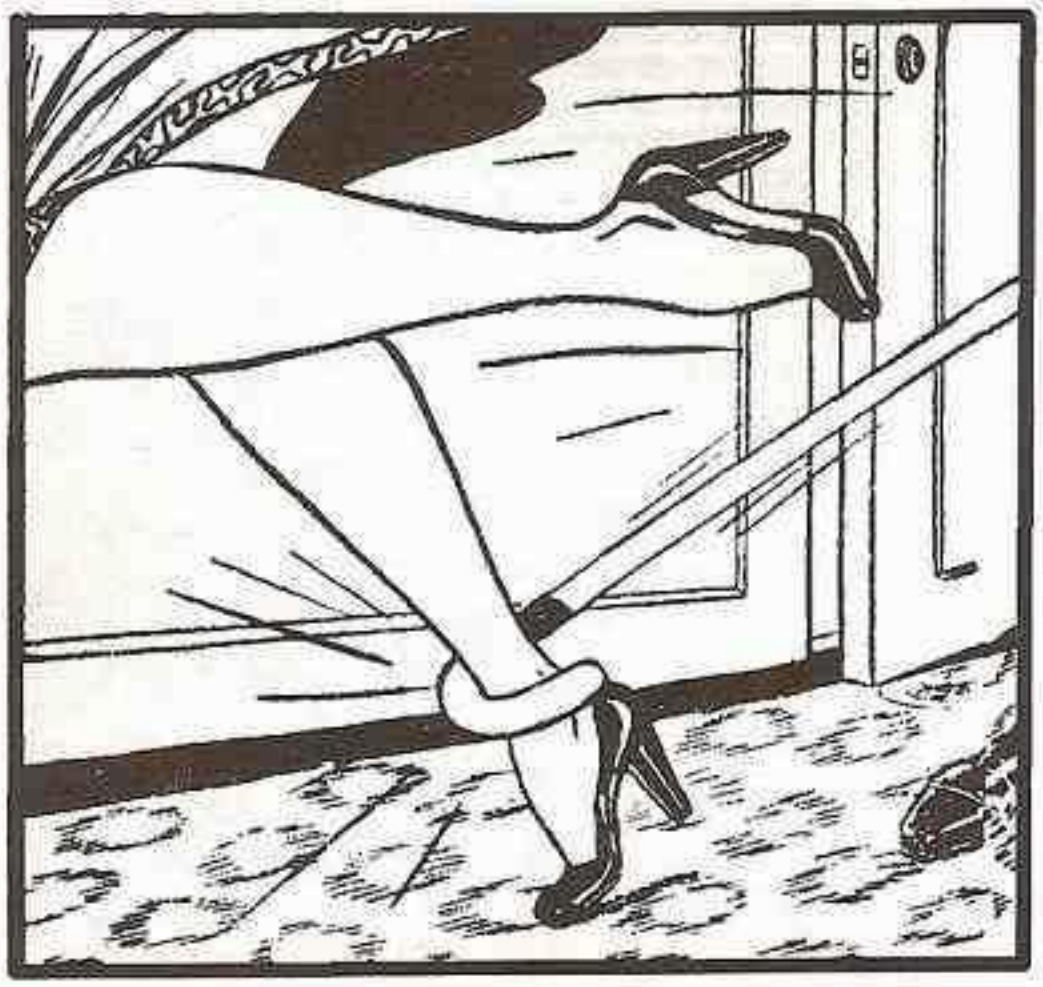
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! BRUNO IS PROBABLY IN THE ELEVATOR RIGHT NOW!

THERE...ALL SET! FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I EVER GOT DRESSED SO QUICKLY! HAT LOOKS FUNNY... EITHER IT'S TOO SMALL OR IT'S THAT BUMP ON MY HEAD!

I'M TAKING YOUR PURSE, BUT I'VE EMPTIED IT OUT AND I'LL SEND THESE CLOTHES BACK TO YOU SO YOU CAN'T SAY I'M STEALING!

OOH! MY PURSE! THE CONVOY INSTRUCTIONS ARE HIDDEN IN THE LINING OF MY PURSE! BRUNO! HURRY! STOP HER!

SO! THE "BARONESS" THINKS SHE CAN TRICK ME, EH? FORGETS I HAVE A KEY! BUT WAIT... SHE'S COMING TOWARD THE DOOR!



NOT SO FAST, BARONESS! WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

EXCUSE IT, PLEASE! I HAVE MADE AN ERROR! I WAS PLAYING THE LITTLE JOKE ON MY FRIEND, THE BARONESS!
BUT HERE, MADAME, LET ME ASSIST YOU!

ONE MOMENT MADAME— YOU ARE FORGETTING YOUR POCKETBOOK! ···AND AGAIN, MANY APOLOGIES FOR MY SO CLUMSY MISTAKE!

FIVE MINUTES LATER···
YOU MEAN SHE— THE GIRL IN RED— TOOK THE SEALED ORDERS? WHY DID YOU LET HER GET AWAY?
WHY DID I LET HER GET AWAY? YOU MEAN WHY DID YOU LET HER GET AWAY! SHE NOT ONLY STOLE MY CLOTHES, BUT THE PAPERS I GOT FROM RICO WERE HIDDEN IN THE LINING OF THAT POCKETBOOK!

POCKETBOOK ??
DUMMKOPF!!
POCKETBOOK!
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POCKETBOOK...

WHY--WHY, THAT'S RIDICULOUS! THE POLICE CLAIM BLACK FURY SHOT RICO! GREAT HEAVENS! IF THAT BLONDE REPORTS THE THEFT OF HER CLOTHES DETECTIVE CAREY WILL KNOW I AM BLACK FURY!

I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE, MAM'SELLE, THAT SHE WILL NOT REPORT THE THEFT OF HER CLOTHES! AFTER I MAILED THE LETTERS TO MRS. DANA, I LOOKED THROUGH THOSE CLOTHES FOR SOME IDENTIFICATION AND I CAME ACROSS SOME VERY INTERESTING PAPERS HIDDEN IN THE LINING OF HER PURSE!

PAPERS? WHAT ABOUT, FRANCINE?

AS A REFUGEE, I AM NATURALLY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SUPPLIES BEING SHIPPED TO THE OTHER SIDE AND IF I MISTAKE NOT, MAM'SELLE, THESE PAPERS CONTAIN A LIST OF SAILING DATES AND CONVOY INFORMATION--ALL OF WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, ARE NEVER MADE PUBLIC!

SO, I WOULD SUGGEST, MAM'SELLE, THAT YOU MAIL THOSE PAPERS, TOGETHER WITH THE CLOTHES, TO DETECTIVE CAREY!

GOOD HEAVENS! NO WONDER SHE TRIED TO PUSH ME OFF THAT TERRACE!

H-MM--WHAT IF SHE FINDS THE LEOPARD SKIN IN THAT FLOWERPOT? ILL HAVE TO GET IT BACK SOMEHOW! ANYWAY, I WOULDN'T MIND GETTING ANOTHER WHACK AT THAT ONE! INCIDENTALLY, IF YOU THINK I LOOK BAD, FRANCINE, YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE OTHER ONE!

THE "OTHER ONE"...

BUT..... BUT, BRUNO, I CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITH MY EYE LIKE THIS! IT'S..... BUT.... ..BUT, BRUNO...

I AM CALLING FOR YOU AT SEVEN O'CLOCK, SHARP! YOU WILL BE DRESSED AND READY TO GO OUT WHEN I ARRIVE!! 'CLICK'!

THE BIG PIGHEAD! HE'S JUST DOING THIS TO HUMILIATE ME! SOMEDAY I'LL GET EVEN... AND WHEN I DO...

OOOO

ERICA! WHERE ARE YOU?

SNARL GROWL SNARL!

AND WHOM, MAY I ASK, ARE THESE VICIOUS BRUTES FOR?

YOU MEAN FRITZ AND OTTO? THEY, MY DEAR BARONESS, ARE TO ENTERTAIN ANY VISITORS WHO MAY ARRIVE UNEXPECTEDLY.

FROM NOW ON, THEY WILL PATROL THE TERRACE!

I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU ARE IN SUCH EXCELLENT SPIRITS.. PARTICULARLY, AFTER WE HAVE LOST THOSE CONVOY PAPERS!

OH, THOSE? HA! THERE ARE OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE ATTENDED TO! YOU SEE, MY DEAR, RIGHT NOW, WE ARE MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN THAT "GOOD NEIGHBOR" POLICY!

AND NOW, MY DEAR, YOU ARE GOING TO MEET A VERY INFLUENTIAL, ALBEIT FAT AND OILY, GENTLEMAN FROM SOUTH AMERICA BY THE NAME OF DIEGO MANERO!

I SUPPOSE HE'S CONNECTED WITH THAT "GOOD NEIGHBOR" POLICY YOU SPOKE OF!

QUITE RIGHT! OUR COUNTRY IS ALSO ADEPT AT MAKING FRIENDS! AND HE IS ONE OF THEM!

AH! THE SENORITA IS VERY BLONDE AND VERY BEAUTIFUL!

WELL, MANERO, WHAT ABOUT THIS FORTHCOMING VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER, FELIPE SANTOS?

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SEE YOU ABOUT, BRUNO! SANTOS IS, AS YOU KNOW, --ER- NOT VERY SYMPATHETIC TOWARD YOUR GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ... AND, UNFORTUNATELY, HE HAS QUITE A FOLLOWING!

HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULACE THAT IS, AS THE AMERICANS WOULD SAY, "SITTING ON THE FENCE"! ... BUT THEIR FUTURE COURSE WILL BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THIS VISIT OF SANTOS TO THE UNITED STATES!

IN THESE CRITICAL TIMES, ONE SLIGHT MISHAP IS OFTEN SUFFICIENT TO CHANGE THE ENTIRE ATTITUDE OF A NATION ... PARTICULARLY, IF SAID MISHAP BE WELL PEPPERED WITH PROPAGANDA!

RIGHT!

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SO, MY GOOD FRIEND, LET US ASSUME THAT SANTOS COMES TO A MOST UNTIMELY END WHILE ON HIS VISIT!

MEANWHILE··· IN A MIDTOWN HOSPITAL···

AH! I SEE YOU'RE FEELING MUCH BETTER! EH, RICO?

CAREY! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

JUST THOUGHT I'D STOP IN··· SEE HOW YOU ARE!

I BROUGHT ALONG SOMETHING, TOO!

OH, YEAH? WHAT D'YA BRING ME·· A WREATH?

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE CLOTHES, RICO?

H-MM! IT'S TOO BAD YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE THESE CLOTHES, RICO··· BECAUSE I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE OWNER!

TSK! TSK!···AND I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO HEAR ALL ABOUT MY OPERATION!

YOU'VE GONE FOR BIGGER GAME - AND SABOTAGE, RICO IS--

LISTEN, FLATFOOT, YOU'VE GOT NOTHIN' ON ME! YOU CAN'T PROVE A THING!

CUT OUT THE FUNNY STUFF, RICO! I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR SOME TIME...I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR PETTY BLACKMAIL RACKET! I'D BEEN HOPING ONE OF THOSE FOOLISH WOMEN WOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO LODGE A COMPLAINT- SO WE'D HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU! SO FAR, YOU'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT! BUT RECENTLY--

NINE O'CLOCK! SORRY, VISITORS MUST LEAVE!

I'M WARNING YOU, RICO, I'M GOING TO GET YOU!

NOT IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO ABOUT IT, HE ISN'T!

GET MY CLOTHES! I'M GETTIN' OUTTA' HERE!

BUT, MR. RICO, YOU'RE STILL TOO WEAK TO LEAVE!

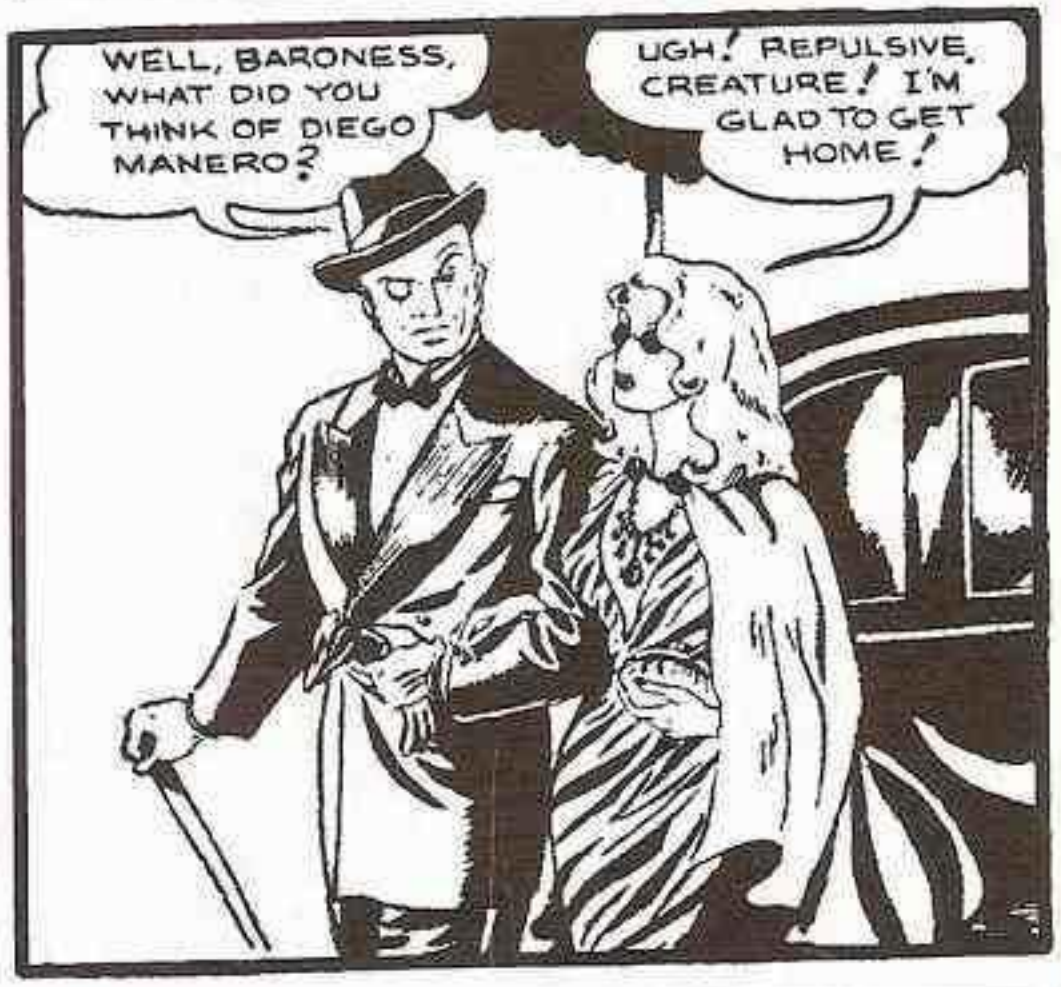
ONE HOUR LATER...

SO, THE BARONESS ISN'T HOME, EH? HA! REAL CONVENIENT, THESE VINES! I'LL JUST CLIMB DOWN TO HER PENTHOUSE AND WAIT FOR HER!

HANG THE LUCK! THAT NURSE WAS RIGHT! I AM WEAK- FEEL AWFULLY SHAKY AND..

YEOW!

GURRRRR.


WELL, BARONESS, WHAT DID YOU THINK OF DIEGO MANERO?
UGH! REPULSIVE CREATURE! I'M GLAD TO GET HOME!

WHAT WAS THAT? ...SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT!
PROBABLY A CAR BACKFIRING! WHAT MAKES YOU SO JITTERY, BARONESS?

I--I GUESS IT MUST HAVE BEEN THAT CONVERSATION WITH DIEGO MANERO! UGH!

SO? THIS IS NO TIME TO QUAIL··· WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO PREPARE FOR THAT VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER FELIPE SANTOS! I'LL STOP BY IN THE MORNING! GOOD-NIGHT, BARONESS!

IT'S GOOD TO GET THESE GLASSES OFF AND--

RICO!! WH-- HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

NEVER MIND HOW I GOT HERE! YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE!

THAT WAS A PRETTY CUTE IDEA··· GETTING IN A COSTUME TO COME BACK AND ROB ME··· BUT YOU SURE MUFFED YOUR CUE WHEN YOU LEFT YOUR CLOTHES WHERE THAT FLATFOOT FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE COULD FIND THEM. YOU OUGHT TO IMPROVE YOUR AIM, TOO--THAT BULLET ONLY NICKED ME! AND NOW, *MISS BLACK FURY*, FORK OVER THAT DOUGH!

BUT, MIGUEL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! I'M NOT BLACK FURY! I--

SAVE YOUR ALIBIS FOR CAREY--YOU'RE GOING TO NEED THEM! C'MON, MAKE IT SNAPPY-- I'M LEAVIN' TOWN TONIGHT!

THE ROCKS ARE INCLUDED TOO, BABE! I WANT A LITTLE COMPENSATION FOR BEING OUT OF CIRCULATION!

YOU CHEAP CHISELER! YOU'RE SO CROOKED, YOU'D--

CROOKED, EH? WELL, HERE'S WHERE I STRAIGHTEN OUT OUR ACCOUNT!

MEANWHILE....

YOU SEE, CAPPY, I'VE GOT TO GET THE LEOPARD COSTUME BEFORE THAT BLONDE DISCOVERS IT! OBVIOUSLY, I CAN'T GO BACK TO HER PENTHOUSE TO GET IT AND THAT'S WHERE I THOUGHT YOU COULD HELP!

SURE! IT'LL BE A CINCH, MISS MARLA. I KNOW THE DOORMAN OF THAT BUILDING WELL!

GOOD! THEN YOU'LL TAKE PERI PURR IN HIS TRAVELING CASE AND FOLLOW THE PLAN I'VE OUTLINED!

RIGHT! JUST TO BE SURE - BETTER TELL ME AGAIN WHERE YOU HID THAT COSTUME!

IT'S IN A LARGE POTTED PLANT ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE GLASS DOORS LEADING FROM THE TERRACE INTO THE APARTMENT!

OH--MY HEAD... MY EYES! WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S RICO? CAN'T SEEM TO THINK CLEARLY... MUST HAVE FAINTED!

ONE DOG SHOT... THE OTHER SEEMS TO BE ALL RIGHT! RICO MUST HAVE STRUCK HIM WITH THAT FLOWER URN... THAT'S HOW IT GOT BROKEN! I'VE GOT TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS TONIGHT... DAREN'T TELL BRUNO THAT RICO WAS HERE!

NEXT DAY...

...AND YOU SAY THAT WHEN YOU ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED, THE DOG TURNED ON YOU, SO THAT YOU HAD TO SHOOT HIM? HOW IS IT, BARONESS, THAT YOU HAD A GUN HANDY OUT ON THE TERRACE?

WHY, I--I STILL HAD MY PURSE IN MY HAND WHEN I STEPPED OUT ON THE TERRACE FOR A BREATH OF AIR AND THE GUN WAS IN THE PURSE!

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"AND ANYWAY, I CAN SEE NO REASON FOR KEEPING THOSE HORRIBLE BEASTS--

HARK! THAT'S FRITZ SNARLING NOW! SOMETHING IS WRONG!

OH-OH! RICO AGAIN!?

EEEEK! A CAT! GET HIM OUT OF HERE! QUICK!

NO! QUIET! SOMEONE IS CALLING HIM!

BRUNO! WHA-- WHY ARE YOU RIPPING THE FUR FROM MY SLEEVE?

BE STILL! YOU'LL SOON SEE!

GET IT FRITZ!

BETTER NOT COME DOWN HERE... THE DOG IS VICIOUS! WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?

I'M LOOKING FOR A CAT, SIR! A WHITE CAT!

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A CAT? A WHITE CAT? WAS THAT IT?

OOOOOOH! WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL MISS MARLA?

OOOOO

ARE YOU TRYING TO TURN THIS PLACE INTO A MENAGERIE? WHAT DO WE NEED A CAT FOR?

THIS CAT, MY DEAR BARONESS, IS GOING TO CAUSE THE DEATH OF FOREIGN MINISTER FELIPE SANTOS!

AH, YES! NO BIGGER THAN A PENCIL··· YET THIS LITTLE GADGET IS POWERFUL AND DEADLY ENOUGH TO BLAST A HOUSE! NOW, FETCH THE ADHESIVE TAPE AND GIVE ME A HAND TO HOLD THIS CAT!

BUT, BRUNO, WHY ARE YOU TAPING THE EXPLOSIVE TO THE CAT?

EMBEDDED IN THE LONG HAIR, IT CANNOT BE DETECTED! DIDN'T I TELL YOU A WEEK AGO THIS CAT WOULD CAUSE SANTOS' DEATH? WELL? ANY MORE STUPID QUESTIONS?

THERE - ALL SET! THERE ARE ENOUGH VENTS TO SUPPLY SUFFICIENT AIR, BUT KITTY CAN MAKE NO SOUND THROUGH THAT GAG! THE BOMB IS HARMLESS NOW··LATER A SMALL CAP OF ACID WILL BE ATTACHED TO ONE END···WITHIN THREE TO FOUR MINUTES THE ACID EATS THROUGH TO THE EXPLOSIVE!

NOW, I MUST HURRY TO MEET MANERO AND- HO! WHAT'S THIS?

NO! NO! I WON'T LET YOU USE THE CAT THAT WAY! PLEASE, BRUNO, LET HIM GO!

YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A WAR TO BE WON? HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE BEING BOMBED EVERY DAY AND YOU QUAIL AT THE LOSS OF ONE CAT! BAH! WATCH OUT, BARONESS, LEST YOU ARE NEXT!

THIS IS THE AIRPORT, BUDDY, BUT I CAN'T GO THROUGH THE GATE WITHOUT A PASS...SOME BIG SHOT FROM SOUTH AMERICA IS ARRIVING!

NEVER MIND! WHAT'S YOUR FARE?

AH! THERE'S MANERO WAITING IN HIS CAR!

TAXI

EVERYTHING IS ALL SET, EH? ARE YOU SURE THE CAT WILL FOLLOW THAT SCENT?

POSITIVE! WE'VE TRIED IT BEFORE! SANTOS' VALET WILL CARRY OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS...AND ONCE THE CAT CATCHES THE SCENT FROM SANTOS' CLOTHES, HE'LL GO DIRECTLY TO HIM! GET IN THE CAR AND WE'LL WAIT!

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS I COULD GET TO WHERE THE PLANE LANDS...WHEN IT DOES, WE'LL APPLY THE ACID!

THERE IT IS NOW! GET READY... REMEMBER, EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON TIMING!

ONE MINUTE AND A HALF AFTER THE PLANE HAS LANDED...

THIS GUY'S A GOOD EGG..NEVER SQUAWKS ABOUT HAVING TO POSE FOR THE PHOTOGS!

WILL YOU LOOK THIS WAY, MR. SANTOS?

HEY, FELLERS, GET A LOAD OF THAT CAT!

SAY! THAT'LL MAKE A SWELL SHOT! WOULD YOU MIND POSING WITH THE CAT, MR. SANTOS?

SO LONG AS IT'S A WHITE CAT, BOYS, I DON'T MIND!

Y'SEE, MISS MARLA DIDN'T KNOW THAT BLONDE WOMAN HAD A WATCHDOG··· SO, WHEN I TOOK THE CAT THERE AS AN EXCUSE TO HUNT AROUND FOR THE LEOPARD COSTUME, PERI CLIMBED DOWN TO THE TERRACE AND WELL, THE DOG MUST'VE NABBED HIM RIGHT OFF!

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH NOT BEING ABLE TO FIND THAT COSTUME···SO, I TOLD MISS MARLA THE CAT GOT LOST SOMEHOW··· AND NOW SHE KEEPS LOOKIN' ALL OVER!

AH! SUCH A PITY! BUT, PERHAPS SHE WILL FORGET·· HER YOUNG MAN ARRIVES FROM THE COAST TODAY! SHE IS EVEN NOW AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET HIM!

GARY, YOU MUSTN'T BE SO DEMONSTRATIVE! EVERYBODY IS LOOKING!

LET 'EM! BESIDES, HONEY-GIRL, NOBODY IS PAYING ANY ATTENTION···THEY'RE HERE TO WELCOME FOREIGN MINISTER SANTOS!

MANERO, LOOK! THE CAT IS NOW PERCHED ON SANTOS' SHOULDER! IF I DO SAY IT, MYSELF, THAT WAS A MOST BRILLIANT IDEA·· CONCEALING THE EXPLOSIVE IN THE CAT'S LONG HAIR!

AND THAT BOMB IS NO LARGER THAN AN INCENDIARY PENCIL - WHICH REMINDS ME THAT THIS SAME IDEA CAN BE USED VERY EFFECTIVELY IN MUNITIONS PLANTS!

GARY, THAT CAT LOOKS JUST LIKE PERI! MAYBE -- PERI! HERE, PERI!

WATCH CLOSELY, MANERO, THE THREE MINUTES HAVE NOW PASSED! THAT BOMB WILL EXPLODE ANY SECOND!

WE SURE GOT SOME NIFTY SHOTS OF SANTOS WITH THAT CAT! HE'S A RIGHT GUY, THIS SANTOS!

OOOPS! THERE GOES MY LITTLE FELINE FRIEND!

IT IS PERI! BUT, LOOK AT THE WAY HIS HAIR IS MATTED AND--WHAT'S THAT? GARY!

SORRY, PET, DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT HIM, BUT THIS MUST HAVE BEEN TAPED ON FOR A PURPOSE!

IT MAY BE PERFECTLY HARMLESS OR IT MAY EXPLODE ANY SECOND! MMM! TOO MANY PEOPLE AROUND! LET'S SEE--THOSE PARKED CARS ARE EMPTY!

SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG! THE CAT IS WITH THAT COUPLE! BUT, LOOK! THE FOOL RUNS THIS WAY··· THERE'S SOMETHING IN HIS HAND! QUICK! PULL OUT OF HERE! MOVE, MAN, MOVE!

I--I CAN'T! WE'RE HEMMED IN!

THEN GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU FAT SWINE!

GREAT SCOTT! IT WAS A BOMB! AND·· SOMEONE WAS IN THAT CAR!

NEITHER BRUNO NOR MANERO IS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE··· HMPH! A LOT I CARE! SO FAR, NEITHER HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FOREIGN MINISTER SANTOS, BUT IF IT IS DISCOVERED··· THEN I AM IN A VERY DANGEROUS SPOT! I'D BETTER LEAVE HERE IMMEDIATELY!

AND NOW THAT I'M FREE OF BRUNO, I'M ON MY OWN!

HA! NOW WE'LL SEE! IT IS WELL I PREPARED FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY AS THIS!

NO NEED TO TAKE ANY LUGGAGE EITHER, BECAUSE--

OH!

BARONESS VON KAMPFF? YOU'RE JUST THE PERSON I'M LOOKING FOR! MIND IF I STEP IN?

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?

I AM DETECTIVE CAREY, MA'AM, AND I WANT YOU TO TAKE A TRIP WITH ME TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION!

BUT--BUT WHY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND···I AM A REFUGEE IN THIS COUNTRY!

JUST A ROUTINE CHECKUP, MA'AM

THEY'RE TRYING TO TRAP ME! MUST THINK FAST! AH! I'VE GOT IT!

NO! NO! YOU WANT TO DEPORT ME! I WON'T GO···I'LL LEAP FROM THIS TERRACE FIRST!

COME BACK, YOU CRAZY FOOL!

STOP! BARONESS, DON'T -- WHAT TH--

GET HIM, FRITZ!

I CAN'T STOP THINKING OF THOSE TWO UNFORTUNATE MEN IN THE CAR WHEN THAT BOMB EXPLODED··· AND HOW AT FIRST, WE WERE SUSPECTED OF--

PLEASE, HONEY-GAL, FORGET IT! IT'S PAST HISTORY! BESIDES, I'D MUCH RATHER TALK ABOUT YOU·· AND ME!

GOOD HEAVENS, GARY, I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS SO LATE! COME, WE HAVE A LONG DRIVE BACK TO THE CITY!

NO-WAIT, MARLA! DON'T GO--THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU--ER ASK YOU

... SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU FOR A LONG TIME! WILL YOU MARRY ME, MARLA?

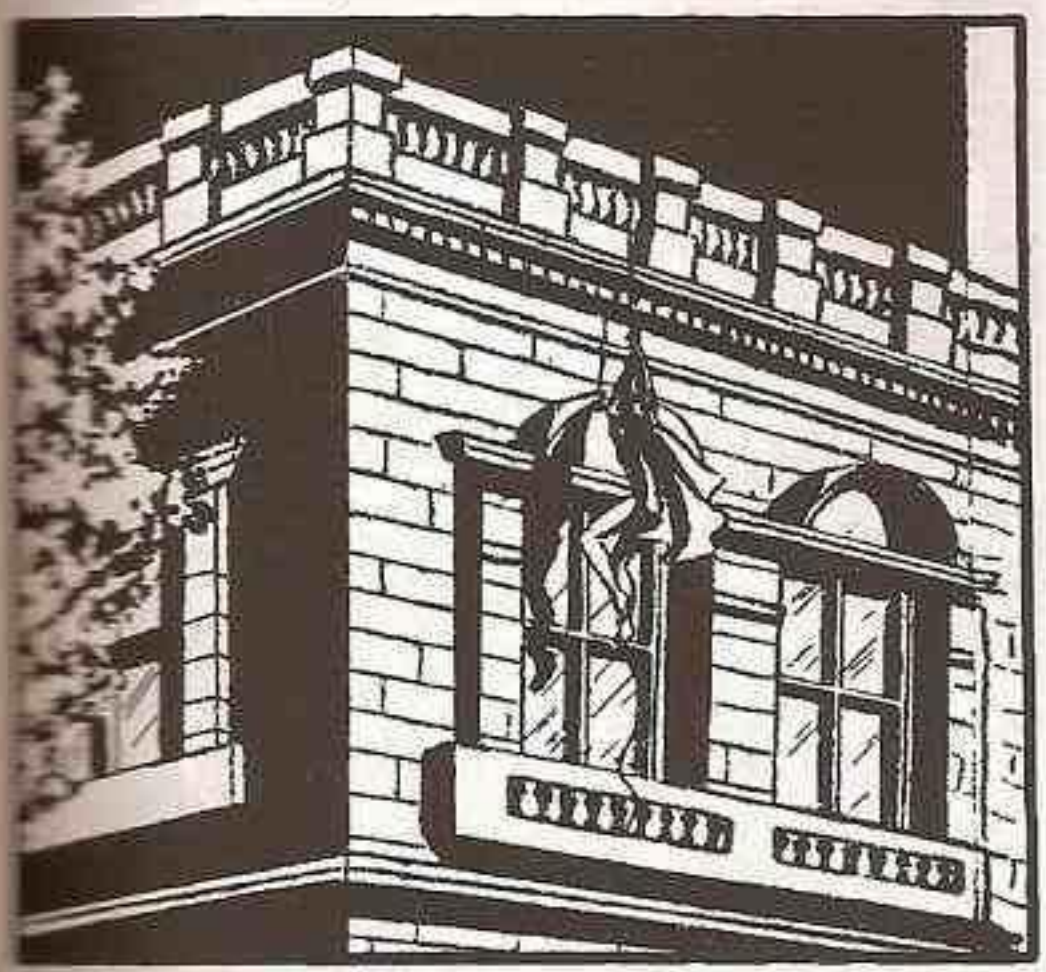
PLEASE SAY YES, DARLING!

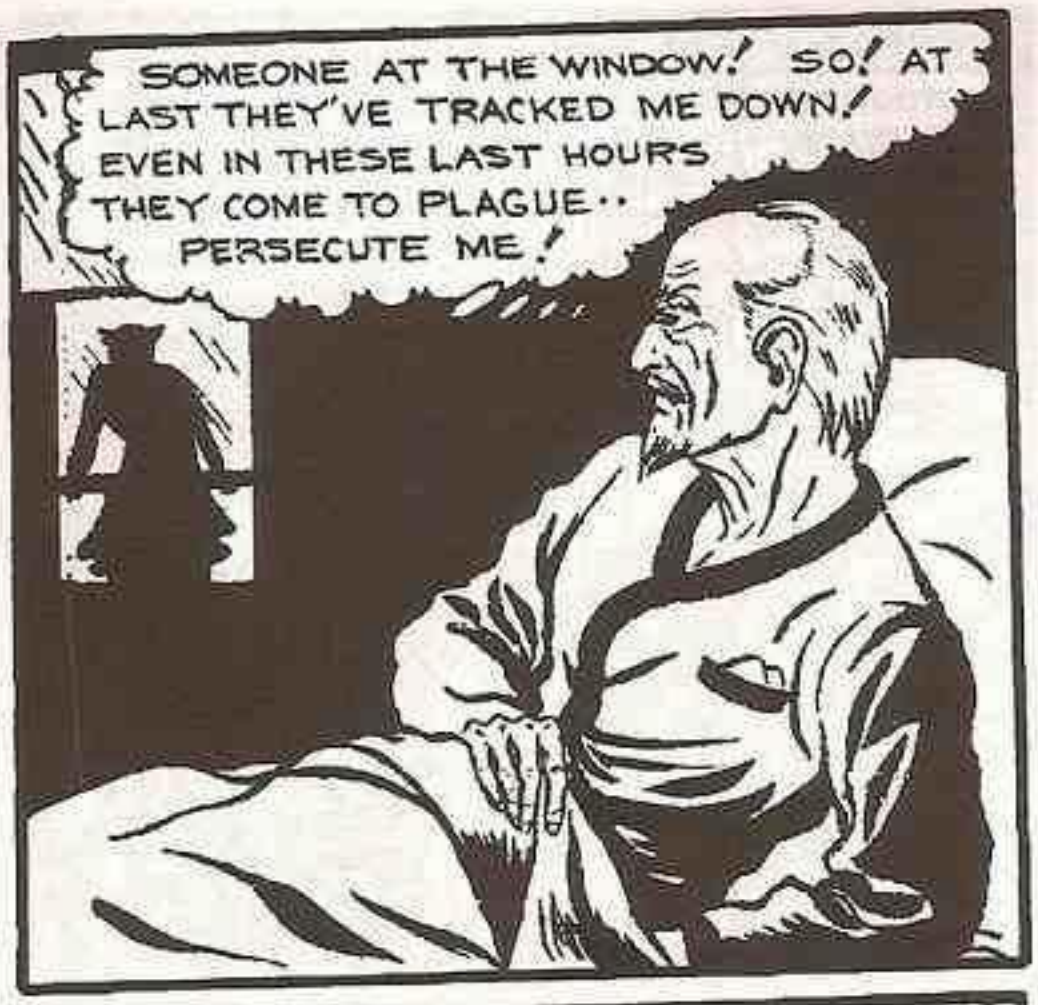
WHY, I--AH-- YES!

AT THE SAME TIME, ON THE ROOF OF AN OLD BROWNSTONE MANSION IN A ONCE FASHIONABLE NEIGHBORHOOD...

AH! THERE GOES THE NURSE! THAT MEANS MR. JOHN NOVAK WILL BE ALONE FOR A LITTLE WHILE!

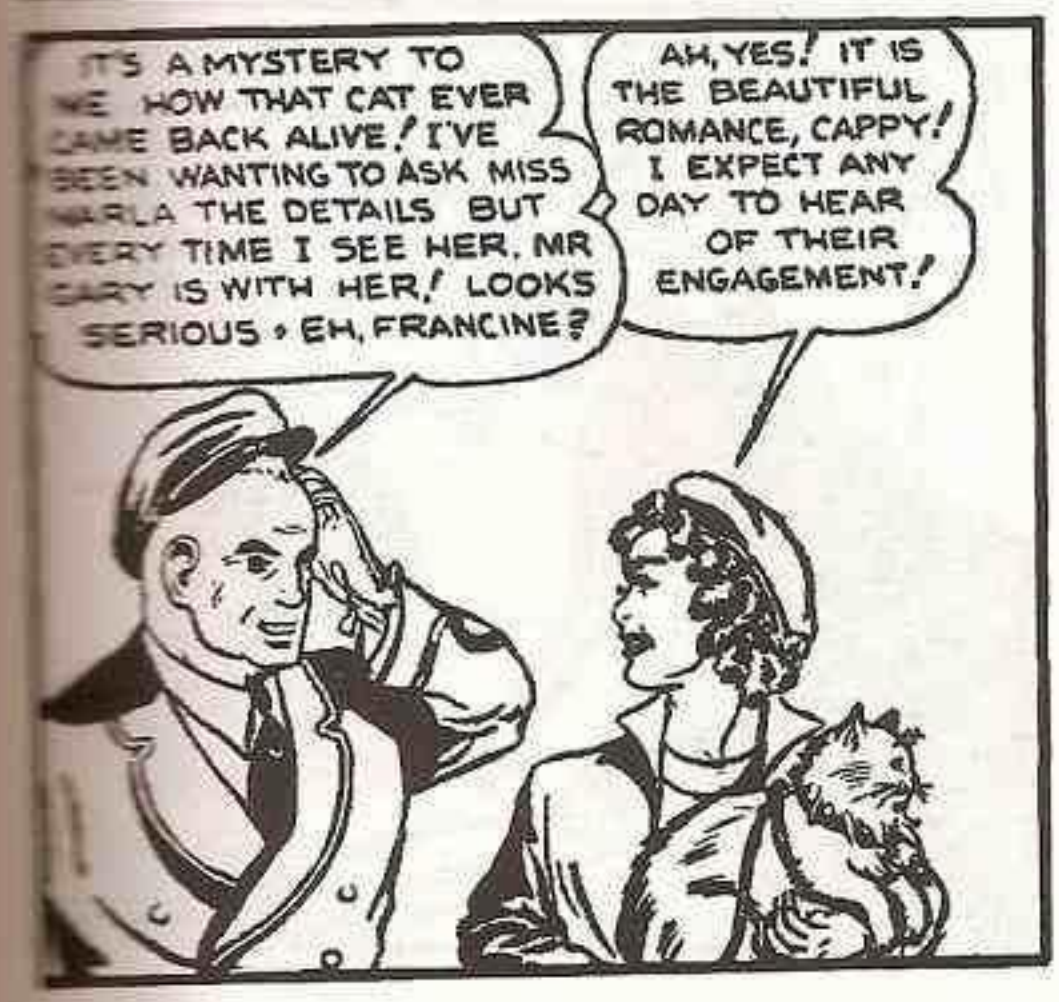
NOW, FROM THE SPECIALLY FITTED LINING OF THIS CAPE — A STRONG SILK CORD ATTACHED TO A STEEL HOOK! THIS TIME, NOTHING HAS BEEN LEFT TO CHANCE!




SOMEONE AT THE WINDOW! SO! AT LAST THEY'VE TRACKED ME DOWN! EVEN IN THESE LAST HOURS THEY COME TO PLAGUE.. PERSECUTE ME!

DROP THE GUN, JAN NOVAKOWSKI! NOW, TURN ON THE LIGHT SWITCH!

YOU--YOU'RE THE BLACK FURY! SO? YOU, TOO, HAVE BEEN INITIATED? YOU'RE ON A FOOL'S ERRAND! I HAVE NOT MANY MORE HOURS ON THIS EARTH ... THERE'S NOTHING MORE YOU CAN DO TO ME NOW! PERHAPS YOU'VE COME TO GLOAT OVER THE HANDIWORK OF YOUR COLLEAGUES?


IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME HOW THAT CAT EVER CAME BACK ALIVE! I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK MISS MARLA THE DETAILS BUT EVERY TIME I SEE HER, MR GARY IS WITH HER! LOOKS SERIOUS, EH, FRANCINE?
AH, YES! IT IS THE BEAUTIFUL ROMANCE, CAPPY! I EXPECT ANY DAY TO HEAR OF THEIR ENGAGEMENT!

MISS MARLA DOESN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT THE BLACK LEOPARD COSTUME ANY MORE, THOUGH I OFTEN WONDER WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO IT!
AW DON'T WORRY! LIKE THE CAT, IT'LL PROBABLY SHOW UP SOMEPLACE!

INDEED!... LESS THAN TWO BLOCKS AWAY.

IF YOU ARE THE BLACK FURY, HOW DID YOU DISCOVER MY TRUE IDENTITY?

I KNOW YOUR COMPLETE HISTORY, MR JOHN NOVAK! PRIOR TO THE WAR AND YOUR ESCAPE TO THIS COUNTRY—YOU WERE KNOWN AS JAN NOVAKOWSKI... A NAME GREATLY RESPECTED AMONG MEN OF SCIENCE BUT LITTLE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC!

IT WAS JUST SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE INVASION OF YOUR COUNTRY THAT YOU, WHILE CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS WITH RADIUM MADE THE MOST STARTLING DISCOVERY THAT HAS EVER BEEN MADE YOU DISCOVERED AN ELEMENT FIVE MILLION TIMES GREATER AND MORE POWERFUL THAN RADIUM! YOU CALLED IT ACROTHORIUM!

THAT IS PREPOSTEROUS! IT IS A WILD TALE CIRCULATED BY THOSE WHO -

AH! BUT IT WASN'T CIRCULATED! ..BECAUSE, EVEN AS YOU KNEW, KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR DISCOVERY WOULD HAVE THROWN THE ENTIRE WORLD INTO CHAOS! SO, YOU DECIDED TO KEEP IT A SECRET BUT

...THERE WERE SPIES! YOUR LABORATORY HAD BEEN WATCHED DAY AND NIGHT! FINALLY, THEY REALIZED THE MAGNITUDE OF YOUR DISCOVERY.... THAT ACROTHORIUM DISINTEGRATED ALL METAL!! .....

THE METAL! DID YOU SEE? IT IS NOW BUT DUST!!

"YOU WERE PLACED UNDER HEAVY GUARD! THEY PLEADED WITH YOU MADE YOU FABULOUS OFFERS IF YOU'D REVEAL THE SECRET OF YOUR DISCOVERY! HOW YOU ESCAPED I DO NOT KNOW! BUT, IMMEDIATELY, THEY THREW THEIR MIGHTY WAR MACHINE INTO ACTION!"

THEY FEARED YOU COULD PRODUCE ENOUGH ACROTHORIUM TO COMPLETELY DESTROY THEIR MACHINES! THEY'RE READY TO STRIKE AT ANY NATION SUSPECTED OF HARBORING YOU! BECAUSE OF ACROTHORIUM, YOU ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ALIVE! YET, YOU COULD BE THE MOST POWERFUL!

NO! AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM DISABLED I HAVE NOT MANY MORE HOURS ON THIS EARTH AND ACROTHORIUM MIGHT FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS —THEN ITS USE WOULD BE THE ANNIHILATION OF CIVILIZATION! NO! I SHALL DESTROY ALL RECORDS OF THE DISCOVERY!

EH? WHAT IS THE MATTER? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

YOU OLD FOOL! DID YOU THINK I CAME HERE TO REASON WITH YOU? I KNOW WHERE YOU'VE HIDDEN THOSE RECORDS AND ALSO SOME OF YOUR PRECIOUS ACROTHORIUM!

I CAME HERE TO PUT YOU OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE OTHERS WREST YOUR SECRET FROM YOU! NOW, I WILL BE THE SOLE POSSESSOR OF ACROTHORIUM!

FINISHED! HE DIDN'T EVEN PUT UP A STRUGGLE! THE IDEALISTIC OLD FOOL··· AFTER DISCOVERING ACROTHORIUM, THE ONE ELEMENT THAT DISINTEGRATES METAL, HE REFUSED TO USE IT OR SELL IT! HE COULD HAVE BEEN THE MOST POWERFUL MAN ON EARTH! WELL, HE'S IN UTOPIA NOW!

AH, YES! HERE, BESIDE HIS BED, IS THE LOOSENED BOARD···THIS IS WHERE HE HAS HIDDEN THE RECORDS OF HIS DISCOVERY. AND SOME OF HIS PRECIOUS ACROTHORIUM! NOW, I WILL BE THE SOLE POSSESSOR OF--OF-- WHAT'S THIS? EMPTY!!

THE NURSE—HIS NURSE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF HER BEFORE! SHE LEFT A HALF HOUR AGO—BUT I'VE AN IDEA WHERE SHE WENT! I'VE GOT TO HEAD HER OFF!

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MEANWHILE ···LESS THAN TWO BLOCKS AWAY···

YIPPEE! CONGRATULATE ME, CAPPY, SHE SAID YES!

HUSH, GARY! DON'T SHOUT ALL OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

YESSIR, CAPPY, OLD BOY, WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME MISS MARLA DRAKE WILL BE MRS. GARY HALE!

GARY, LISTEN! THAT SOUNDS LIKE SHOTS AND A POLICE WHISTLE!

YOU'RE RIGHT!···AND THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY! QUICK! GET IN THE DOORWAY OR IT'LL BE CURTAINS INSTEAD OF ORANGE BLOSSOMS!

HEY! GET OUT OF THAT CAR!

GARY! COME BACK!

I'M OKAY! JUST A COUPLE OF GASHES ON MY HAND! IT WAS THIS CAPE THAT THREW ME OFF BALANCE! WHO WAS IT, OFFICER?

THAT, SIR, WAS THE BLACK FURY! THE SLICKEST FEMALE CRIMINAL WE'VE EVER COME ACROSS!

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THE POLICE SHOULD'VE GONE AFTER THIS BLACK FURY MONTHS AGO! JUST BECAUSE SHE HELPED CAPTURE KILLER DAWSON AND UNCOVERED SOME SABOTAGE PLOT, THE COPS LOOKED THE OTHER WAY AND THE PRESS PLAYED HER UP AS A GLAMOROUS, AVENGING FURY!

THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SHE WAS SOME OVERDRAMATIC DAME IN SEARCH OF THRILLS AND THAT EVENTUALLY SHE'D GO IN FOR CRIME! ONLY NOW, THEY START LOOKING FOR HER AFTER SHE'S PULLED SEVERAL SECOND-STORY JOBS, CROAKED A HARMLESS OLD GUY AND SWIPED MY CAR! I'D LIKE TO··

HUSH, GARY! THE BELL IS RINGING!

DETECTIVE CAREY!

THAT'S RIGHT!? ARE YOU MISS MARLA DRAKE?

MR. HALE LEFT A MESSAGE THAT WE COULD REACH HIM HERE THIS AFTERNOON! WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE HIS CAR!

OH! OH, WHY, CERTAINLY ·· COME RIGHT IN, MR. CAREY!

I SUPPOSE THE CAR IS PRETTY BADLY SMASHED UP, EH?

NO, NOT MUCH! IT'S NOW BEING CHECKED OVER FOR CLUES AND FINGERPRINTS!

GOT ANY CLUES AS TO WHO THIS BLACK FURY DAME IS?

SEVERAL! INCLUDING A COMPLETE OUTFIT AND TWO CAPES THAT SHE WORE--AND WE'LL SOON KNOW WHERE THEY WERE PURCHASED! IN FACT, I CAN DEFINITELY STATE THAT WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, BLACK FURY WILL BE BEHIND BARS!

WHAT A STRANGE LOOK DETECTIVE CAREY GAVE ME AS THEY WERE LEAVING! DOES HE SUSPECT THAT I AM THE REAL BLACK FURY? IF THEY SHOULD ARREST ME, I'LL BE CHARGED WITH THE CRIMES OF THIS MURDERER WHO'S MASQUERADING IN THE LEOPARD COSTUME!

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A PERFECT ALIBI FOR LAST NIGHT, WHEN THAT OLD MAN WAS KILLED, THEY CAN STILL PIN THOSE OTHER CRIMES ON ME! --AND EVEN IF THEY SHOULD CATCH THIS PHONY FURY, I'LL STILL BE IN A DREADFUL SCANDAL! UH-UH! WHAT WILL GARY SAY?

THE BELL IS RINGING AGAIN!

YES?

IS DETECTIVE CAREY HERE? QUICK! I MUST SEE HIM! IT'S--IT'S ABOUT THE BLACK FURY!

GREAT HEAVENS! WHAT IS THE MATTER?--CAN YOU HEAR ME?...?

GREAT HEAVENS! EVERYTHING IS HAPPENING AT ONCE! RIGHT AFTER DETECTIVE CAREY LEFT WITH GARY, THIS NURSE CAME RUSHING IN--AND JUST BEFORE SHE FAINTED, SHE MENTIONED THE BLACK FURY! I HOPE SHE KNOWS WHERE THAT MURDEROUS IMPOSTOR IS! THANK GOODNESS, SHE'S COMING TO!

OOOO

OH! WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE IS DETECTIVE CAREY? I MUST SEE HIM! I'LL CONFESS EVERYTHING! I'LL--

DETECTIVE CAREY LEFT A SHORT WHILE AGO! BUT, GOODNESS... YOU'RE TREMBLING SO! HERE, LET ME HELP YOU UP!

WHAT IS THE TROUBLE, MISS, AND WHO ARE YOU?

I WAS JOHN NOVAK'S NURSE... HE'S THE MAN WHO WAS MURDERED LAST NIGHT BY THE BLACK FURY! HE WAS SUCH A NICE OLD MAN AND--OH! I DON'T KNOW WHY I DID IT! I'M SO ASHAMED!

DID WHAT?

YOU SEE, I KNEW THAT MR. NOVAK KEPT A STRONG BOX HIDDEN NEAR HIS BED! HIS ACTIONS WERE SO STRANGE AT TIMES, THAT I WONDERED WHAT THE BOX CONTAINED! SO, LAST NIGHT, HE WAS ASLEEP AS I WAS LEAVING AND--I DON'T KNOW WHATEVER POSSESSED ME, BUT--I TOOK IT!

THEN, LATER, JUST AS I APPROACHED MY HOUSE, I SAW THE BLACK FURY! SHE CLIMBED DOWN THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING AND INTO MY WINDOW! I WAS TERRIFIED BUT I DIDN'T DARE CALL THE POLICE! I'VE BEEN WANDERING AROUND SINCE—BUT TODAY I KNEW I WAS BEING FOLLOWED!

AFTER I SAW THE HEADLINES THIS MORNING, I THOUGHT OF GOING TO THE POLICE, BUT I WAS AFRAID THEY'D ACCUSE ME OF THE MURDER! NOW, I'M AFRAID OF MY LIFE BECAUSE I'M BEING TRAILED!

H-MM! WHAT DOES THE STRONGBOX CONTAIN?

NOTHING BUT SOME OLD PAPERS AND GLASS VIALS OF POWDER PROBABLY PAIN OR NERVE SEDATIVES!

THESE PAPERS ARE WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN HAND! THE ONLY WORD I CAN MAKE OUT IS ACROTHORIUM, WHATEVER THAT IS!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I TOOK IT, BECAUSE I NEVER-- OH! SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR! IT'S THE BLACK FURY... I KNOW IT!

DON'T BE SILLY! SHE NEVER GOES OUT IN THE DAYTIME! DID ANYONE SEE YOU COME HERE?

I'VE BEEN TRAILED EVER SINCE THIS MORNING... THAT'S WHY I'M SURE IT'S SOMEONE AFTER ME!

HERE, HIDE IN MY BEDROOM AND I'LL SEE WHO IT IS!

MORE THAN LIKELY, IT'S THE COPS AFTER ME! THEY'RE BOUND TO FIND OUT I'M THE REAL BLACK FURY! IF ONLY SOMEONE COULD CATCH THAT PHONY FURY BEFORE I'M CHARGED WITH THOSE CRIMES!

PARDON ME, MADAM, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR MISS LIND, THE NURSE! I HAVE A MESSAGE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR HER!

JUST A MINUTE, MADAM! MISS LIND WAS SEEN TO ENTER YOUR APARTMENT BUT NOT TO LEAVE!

I'M SORRY, BUT THERE IS NO MISS LIND HERE! NOW, WILL YOU KINDLY REMOVE YOUR FOOT FROM THE DOOR!

GOLLY! I WISH FRANCINE WERE HOME... SHE'D KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION!

MADAM, YOU ARE HARBORING A CRIMINAL! I AM GRUEN NOVAK, NEPHEW OF JOHN NOVAK, WHO WAS MURDERED LAST NIGHT BY THE BLACK FURY..AND THE NURSE I SEEK HAS STOLEN SOME VALUABLE PAPERS FROM MY UNCLE'S HOME! I KNOW SHE IS HERE!

IT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE MISS LIND HAD NO HAND IN THE MURDER THAT I AM WILLING TO HELP HER, IF SHE WILL RETURN THE STOLEN ITEMS! AH! THERE'S HER BAG ON THE TABLE!

YES! YES..AT LAST! HERE ARE THE RECORDS AND SEVERAL VIALS OF POWDERED ACROTHORIUM! THOSE TWO SILLY FOOLS LITTLE SUSPECT THAT THE POWDER IN THESE VIALS WILL DISINTEGRATE ANY METAL ON CONTACT! HA! ARMED WITH THIS STUFF, GRUEN HAS A GREAT FUTURE!

AH, YES, MADAM. FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS, I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MOST UNHAPPY TO PART WITH THESE SIMPLE EFFECTS OF MY UNCLE'S — — **TAKE YOUR HAND OFF THAT BAG!**

BUT YOU CAN'T JUST WALK OFF WITH IT! HOW DO I KNOW IF YOU ARE JOHN NOVAK'S NEPHEW!

HE LIES! JOHN NOVAK HAD NO LIVING RELATIVES! OH! HE STRUCK HER!

WELL, HERE'S ONE THING YOU SHOULD KNOW..NEVER MEDDLE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS!

GIVE ME THAT BAG, YOU LYING THIEF, OR I'LL CALL THE POLIC--

NURSE LIND WILL BE UNABLE TO CALL ANYONE··· SHE'LL BE TOO BUSY NURSING THAT!

BE CAREFUL WITH THAT BAG! DON'T DROP IT OR--

LET GO OF THE CAT, OR I'LL DROP IT ON YOUR HEAD! OOOPS!

WH--WAS THAT THE BAG THAT CRASHED THROUGH THE WINDOW?

YES! IT-IT SLIPPED FROM MY HAND! I'LL OPEN THE WINDOW AND SEE WHERE IT WENT!

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YOU SAY IT LANDED IN THE STREET AND THE PAPERS ARE STREWN ABOUT?

YEOW! WHAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT THE BAG ALSO CONTAINS VIALS OF ACROTHORIUM!

IF THOSE VIALS BREAK, THE ACROTHORIUM WILL SPREAD LIKE DUST AND DISINTEGRATE ANY METAL IT CONTACTS! BUT THEY COULDN'T HAVE BROKEN ... THE HOUSE IS STILL STANDING! MUST GET THEM BEFORE THEY'RE PICKED UP!

OH, YES! ONE THING MORE BEFORE I GO ... THIS CAT WILL NEVER TRIP UP ANOTHER PERSON!

EEEEEEEK!

THE LANTERN-JAWED, FROG-EYED BEAST! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT BAG CONTAINS, BUT NOW, I AM DETERMINED THAT HE SHALL NOT HAVE IT!

CAPPY! TAKE THAT BAG AND HIDE IT! QUICK!

SURE! I GOTCHA!

IN HIS HASTE, CAPPY OVERLOOKS ONE OF THE TINY VIALS AS IT ROLLS TOWARD THE CURB ...

H-MM! I HID THAT BAG JUST IN TIME! SEEMS LIKE THIS GUY'S LOOKIN' FOR SOMETHING! I'D BETTER GET THE BAG UP TO MISS MARLA RIGHT NOW!

TAXI, SIR?

GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU BLASTED IDIOT! MOVE ON!

A SECOND LATER...

OKAY, WISE GUY, YOU DON'T HAV'TA GET SO TOUGH ABOU--

WHAT TH--

WELL, I'LL BE A -

CRIPES! WHERE THE HECK DID ME HACK GO?

I BROUGHT UP THE BAG, MISS MARLA! I GOT IT JUST BEFORE SOME BIG-JAWED GUY DASHED OUT OF THE ELEVATOR.. HE SEEMED TO BE LOOKING FOR IT!

HE'S THE PERSON I WANTED YOU TO HIDE IT FROM! I DON'T KNOW WHY THE PAPERS AND VIALS OF POWDER IN THIS BAG ARE SO VALUABLE TO HIM, BUT I'M POSITIVE THEY DON'T BELONG TO HIM!

I NOTICED ONE SIDE OF HIS KISSER WAS ALL SCRATCHED UP! DID HE GET IN A TUSSLE WITH PERI?

YES! JUST BECAUSE I ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED THE BAG OUT OF THE WINDOW, HE TRIED TO THROW THE POOR LITTLE CAT OUT, TOO! HE ALSO STRUCK THE NURSE WHO BROUGHT THE BAG HERE AND I CAN'T BRING HER TO! WILL YOU HELP ME, CAPPY?

I'M SO WORRIED ... DO YOU THINK I SHOULD CALL A DOCTOR FOR HER?

NO! SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT ... SHE'S MUMBLING SOMETHING NOW! HE SURE MUST HAVE GIVEN HER AN AWFUL WALLOP! DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?

HE CLAIMS TO BE GRUEN NOVAK, NEPHEW OF THE MAN WHO WAS MURDERED BY THAT PHONY BLACK FURY, BUT I HAVE AN ODD SUSPICION THAT HE'S CONNECTED WITH THE MURDERER!

MEANWHILE ... A VERY STRANGE THING HAS OCCURRED IN FRONT OF THE APARTMENT HOUSE ...

WHAT GOES ON HERE? AM I NUTS? I WAS DRIVIN' ME CAB A SECOND AGO ... NOW IT'S GONE! A NEW HACK, TOO!

YEOW! HE MUST HAVE RUN OVER A VIAL OF ACROTHORIUM!

BUT -- WHERE'S THE BAG? THERE ARE ENOUGH VIALS OF ACROTHORIUM IN THAT BAG TO DISINTEGRATE EVERY PARTICLE OF METAL IN ALL THESE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS! COULD SOMEONE HAVE PICKED UP THE BAG AND SCATTERED THE VIALS?

MUST THINK FAST ... BECAUSE IF THIS FOOL TELLS HIS STORY, THERE IS BOUND TO BE AN INVESTIGATION! THEY'LL ANALYZE THE DUST AND POWDER FROM THE WRECK ... DISCOVER WHAT IT IS! EVEN NOW, NOTHING OF METAL CAN PASS THIS SPOT! BUT, WAIT ... I THINK I HAVE THE ANSWER -- MATCHES!

LOOK OUT WITH THOSE MATCHES! YOU'LL SET FIRE TO THIS GASOLINE AND OIL!

YEAH! THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT TO DO!

YOU DIRTY RAT! I'LL--

GET BACK, YOU BLASTED FOOL!

CAN'T WAIT TO SEARCH FOR THE BAG... FIRE ENGINES WILL BE COMING! BUT THERE'LL BE NO EVIDENCE OF ACROTHORIUM NOW!

MEANWHILE...

IT ISN'T THAT I MIND LENDING YOU THESE CLOTHES, BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE DOING RIGHT BY GOING AWAY?

IF I GO OUT WEARING THIS NURSE'S UNIFORM, I'LL BE TRAILED AGAIN...AND IF I GO TO THE POLICE, THEY'LL CHARGE ME WITH THE THEFT OF MR. NOVAK'S PAPERS AND MAYBE ACCUSE ME OF HIS MURDER!

BUT--WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THIS STUFF?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE PAPERS ARE ABOUT; THEY'RE WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE; THE VIALS OF POWDER ARE PROBABLY NERVE SEDATIVES! ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP THEM UNTIL THE BLACK FURY IS CAUGHT, THEN TELL THE POLICE THE STORY!

THAT'S A LAUGH! I AM THE BLACK FURY, BUT HOW COULD I TELL HER THE MURDERER IS AN IMPOSTOR! PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HER GET AWAY AND LEAVE ME WITH THIS STOLEN STUFF!

HMPH! NOW I AM LEFT HOLDING THE BAG!

THIS SITUATION IS GETTING WORSE EVERY MINUTE! DETECTIVE CAREY CLAIMS HE'S WORKING ON SEVERAL CLUES AND THAT HE'LL HAVE BLACK FURY BEHIND BARS WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS! I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THOSE CLUES LEAD TO ME OR TO THAT PHONY FURY, BUT I--AH! THANK GOODNESS, FRANCINE IS HOME!

OH, MISS MARLA, CAPPY WAS JUST TELLING ME OF THE STRANGEST FIRE THAT HAPPENED IN FRONT OF OUR BUILDING AND--

YES! I HEARD THE ENGINES = SOME CAB CAUGHT ON FIRE! FRANCINE, WOULD IT TAKE YOU LONG TO MAKE A COSTUME OF BLACK SATIN LIKE THE ONE I LOST?

MISS MARLA!! AT A TIME LIKE THIS = WHEN THE POLICE ARE HUNTING BLACK FURY FOR THE NOVAK MURDER! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE THINKING OF WEARING SUCH A COSTUME?

THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I AM THINKING OF DOING!

THE COSTUME IS FINISHED, MISS MARLA! I STILL THINK YOU'RE MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE BY WEARING IT --- ESPECIALLY SINCE THE POLICE ARE HUNTING BLACK FURY FOR THE NOVAK MURDER!

THAT'S THE REASON! THEIR CLUES PROBABLY LEAD TO ME, RATHER THAN TO THE MURDERESS WHO'S MASQUERADING IN MY LEOPARD COSTUME!

I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO SIT AROUND AND WAIT TO BE ARRESTED FOR CRIMES I NEVER COMMITTED, WHEN THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO CATCH THE REAL CRIMINAL!

BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE'S WATCHING THE NURSE'S APARTMENT--- PARTICULARLY ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS?

A LITTLE RAIN WON'T STOP HER--- SHE'S TOO ANXIOUS TO GET THE PAPERS AND VIALS I REMOVED FROM THE NURSE'S BAG! WHEN SHE SEES ME IN THIS UNIFORM, CARRYING THE BAG, SHE'LL THINK I AM NURSE LIND!

BUT, MISS MARLA, WHY DO I HAVE TO WAIT A HALF HOUR? WHY CAN'T I GO WITH YOU NOW?

IT WOULD RUIN EVERYTHING, FRANCINE, IF WE BOTH WERE SEEN GOING INTO THE NURSE'S APARTMENT! ALL I WANT YOU TO DO IS WATCH FOR MY SIGNAL FROM ACROSS THE STREET! NOW, STOP WORRYING = I CAN'T BE IN ANY WORSE SITUATION THAN I'M IN NOW!

COULDN'T BE IN ANY WORSE SITUATION? MISS MARLA DOESN'T SEEM TO REALIZE THAT THE MURDERESS IS ARMED!

I'M PRETTY SURE I KNOW WHO THAT PHONY FURY IS... AND FROM A PAST PERFORMANCE, I'M EQUALLY SURE I CAN HANDLE HER!

MM--THIS IS THE HOUSE! I'LL BET SHE'S WATCHING ME RIGHT NOW!

WHO'S THIS? LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE IN A NURSE'S UNIFORM, CARRYING A BAG! IT'S HER! HA! I KNEW IF I WAITED LONG ENOUGH, NURSE LIND WOULD SHOW UP WITH THE BAG!

SHE PUT THE BAG ON THE DRESSER RIGHT NEAR THE WINDOW! NOW, SHE'S BEHIND A SCREEN... MUST BE PREPARING FOR BED! I'LL WAIT ANOTHER HALF HOUR... SHE SHOULD BE ASLEEP BY THEN!

HALF HOUR LATER.

I CAN SEE THE WINDOW FROM HERE, BUT THE LIGHTS ARE OUT AND --- OH! OH!

THERE SHE IS!..THE MURDERESS WHO'S BEEN MASQUERADING IN MISS MARLA'S COSTUME! SHE'LL GET A BIG SURPRISE WHEN SHE STEPS IN THAT WINDOW TO STEAL THE NURSE'S BAG, BECAUSE MISS MARLA IS WAITING FOR HER!
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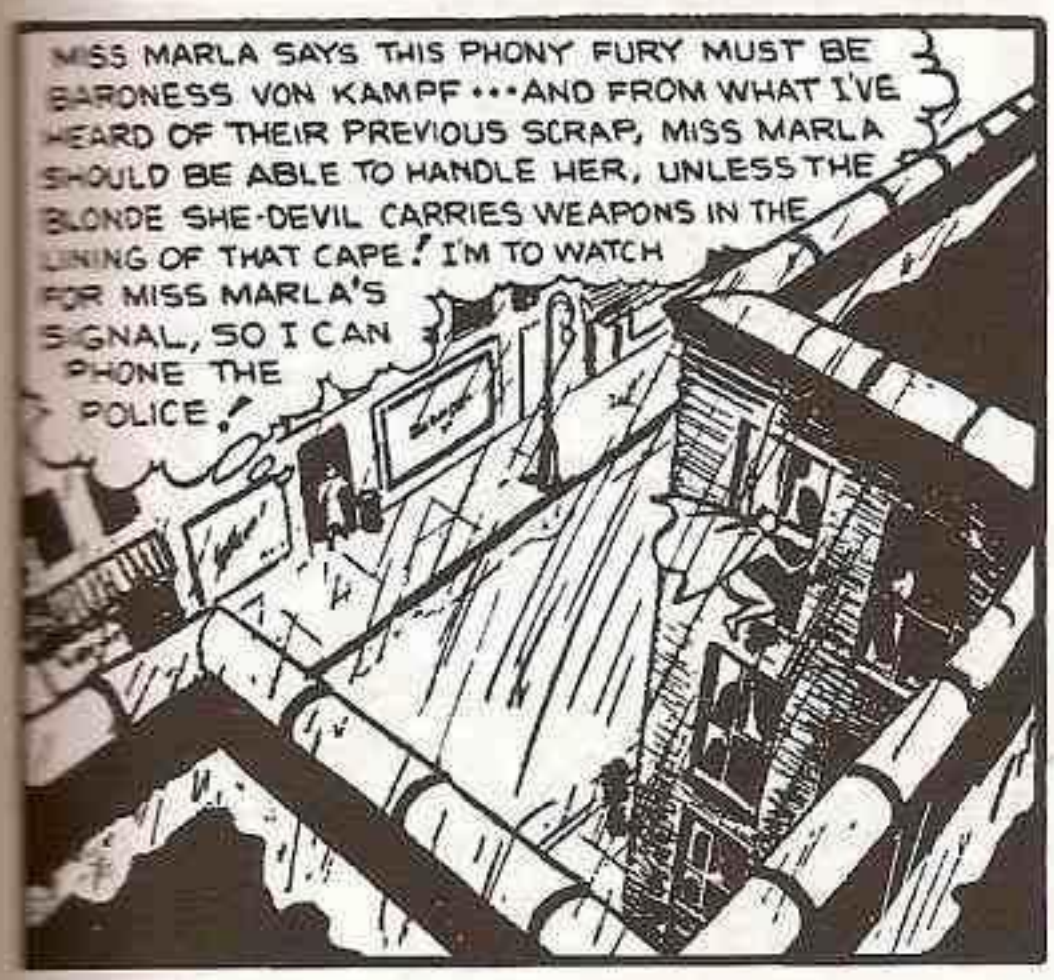
MISS MARLA SAYS THIS PHONY FURY MUST BE BARONESS VON KAMPF ...AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD OF THEIR PREVIOUS SCRAP, MISS MARLA SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE HER, UNLESS THE BLONDE SHE-DEVIL CARRIES WEAPONS IN THE LINING OF THAT CAPE! I'M TO WATCH FOR MISS MARLA'S SIGNAL, SO I CAN PHONE THE POLICE!

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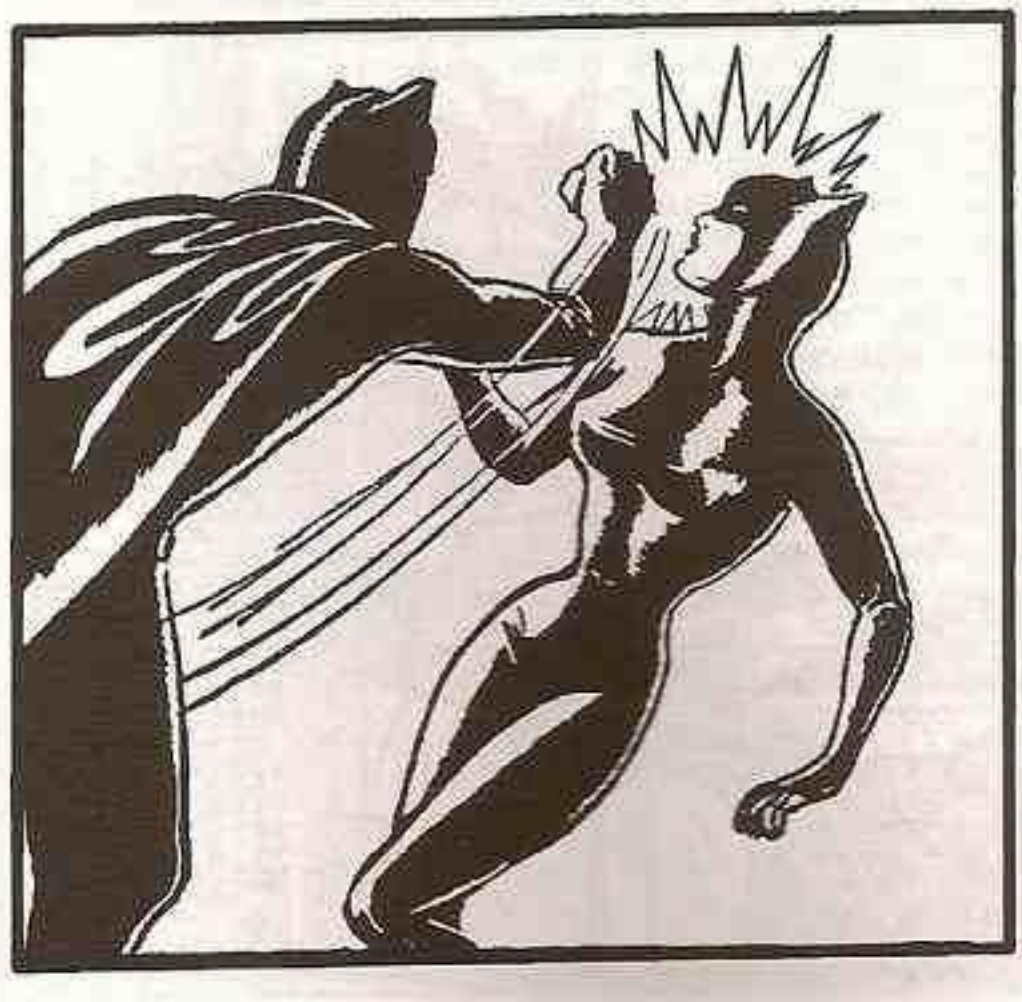
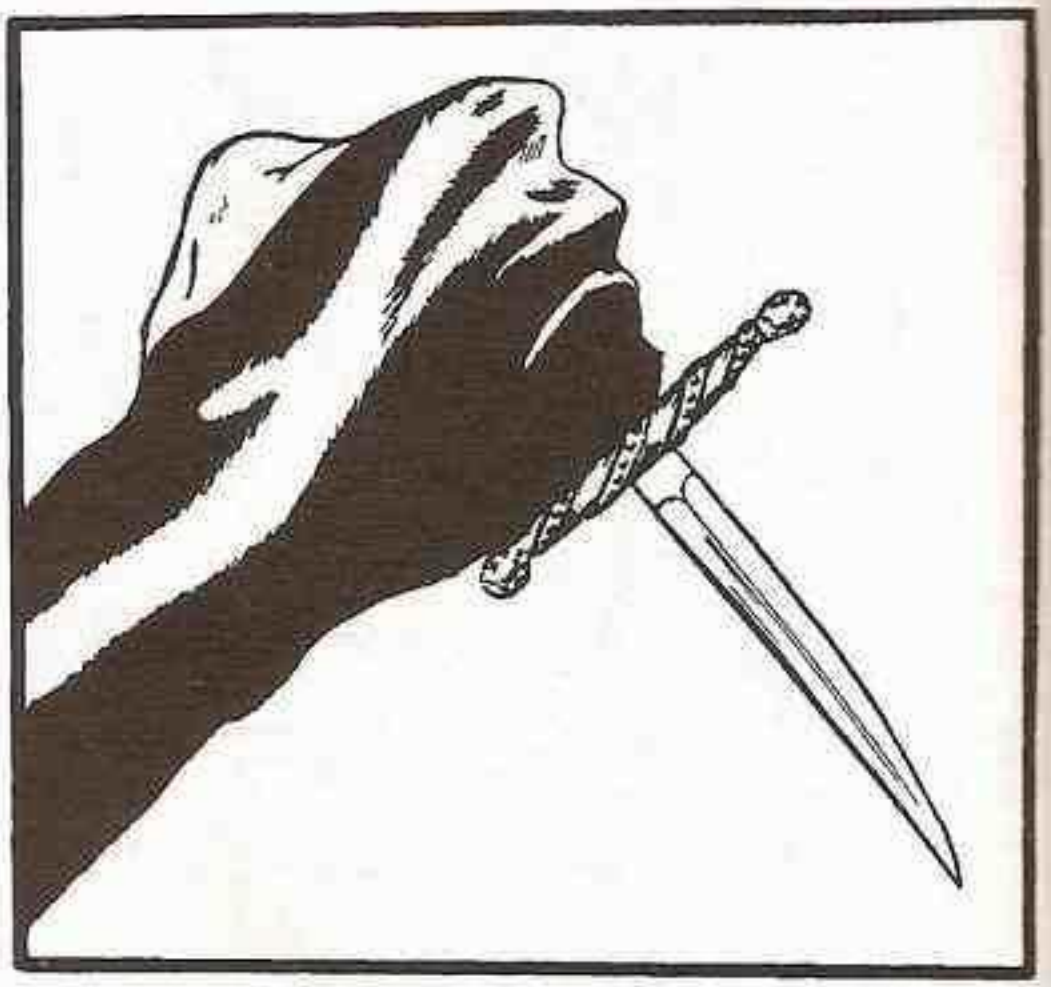


SO! INSTEAD OF NURSE LIND, I FIND MISS BLACK FURY IN PERSON! I'LL LOWER THE SHADE ⚡ CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE SEE TWO OF US... SINCE ONLY ONE IS GOING TO LEAVE!



IT'S SO DIFFICULT TO SEE IN ALL THIS RAIN! THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THE SIGNAL A MOMENT AGO, BECAUSE THE LIGHT IS STILL ON!

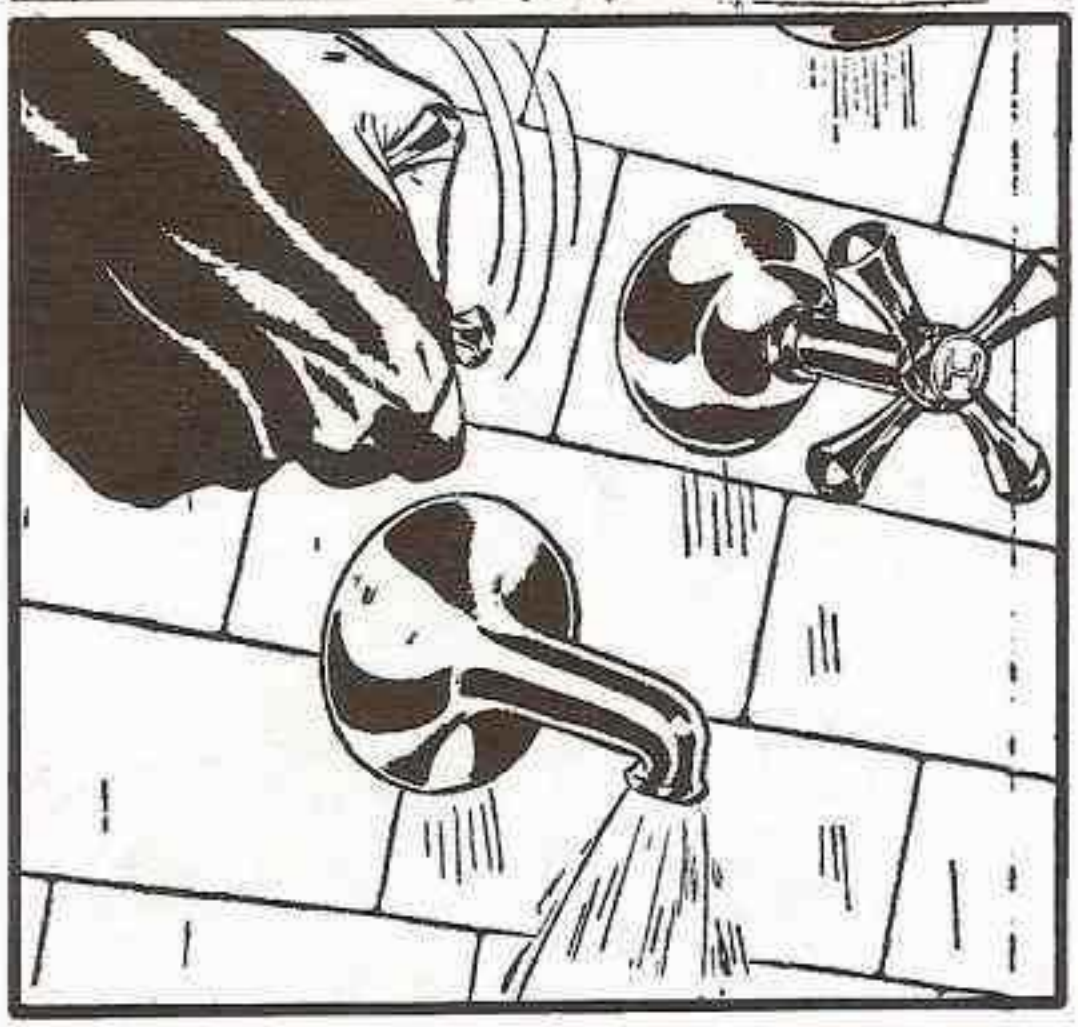
I NEVER EXPECTED IT TO BE OVER THAT QUICKLY ⚡ THE BARONESS CERTAINLY MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY SURPRISE! I'LL USE THE POLICE PHONE BOX ON THIS CORNER! BY THE TIME THEY ARRIVE, MISS MARLA WILL BE GONE!

THE ADVENTURES OF MISS FURY TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT!

WHAT'S THAT? REPEAT THAT ADDRESS! YOU SAY THE BLACK FURY IS TRAPPED THERE? WHO'S THIS TALKING? HELLO? HM-HUNG UP! IT MAY BE SOME JERK PULLING A GAG!...? YET--

THERE! NOW THE POLICE CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT WOMAN WHO'S BEEN MASQUERADING IN MISS MARLA'S COSTUME! I GUESS MISS MARLA HEADED FOR HOME RIGHT AFTER TYING UP THE MURDERESS AND SIGNALLING TO ME!

BUT, FRANCINE IS MISTAKEN! IN FACT, VERY MUCH MISTAKEN!



POLICE CARS! HOW'D THEY GET WIND OF THIS? I SHOULD HAVE SHOT HER INSTEAD OF -- BUT NO! IT'LL WORK OUT EITHER WAY! IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE, THEY'LL PIN THE CRIMES ON HER!

WHERE'D HE GO? WHAT HAPPENED? WHY IS THE WATER TURNED ON? MY HEAD ACHES SO... SOMETHING STRUCK ME WHEN I ---
YEOW!! POLICE SIRENS! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

DAREN'T USE THE STAIRS, POLICE WILL BE COMING UP! BUT IF THAT MURDEROUS IMPOSTOR COULD LEAVE THIS WAY, SO CAN I!

GOLLY! THIS IS THE FIFTH ROOF I'VE CROSSED THIS MUST BE THE LAST HOUSE ON THE BLOCK ... IF IT IS, THERE SHOULD BE A FIRE-ESCAPE LEADING TO A SIDE STREET!

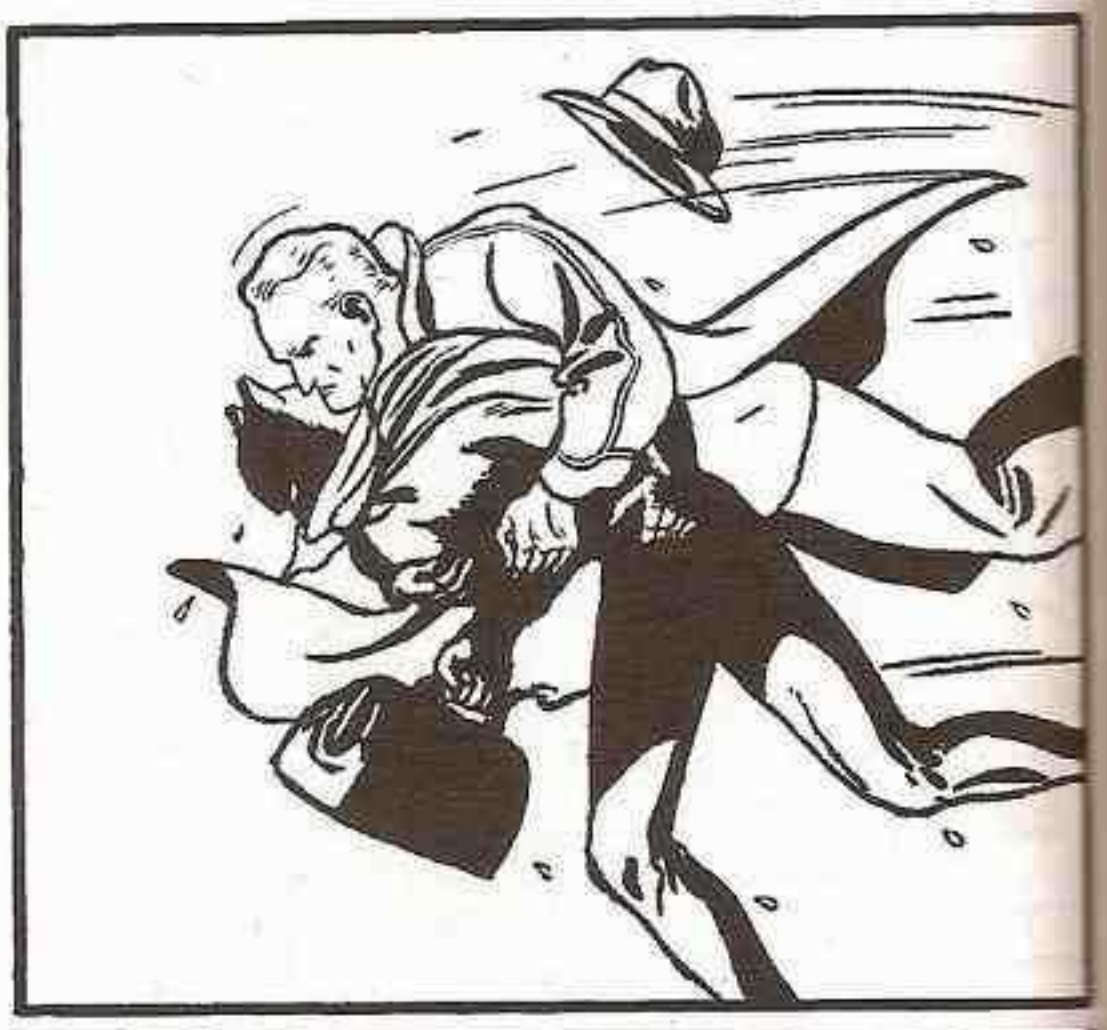
NO! THERE ISN'T-- GREAT HEAVENS! THERE HE IS! THE MURDERER WHO MASQUERADES AS BLACK FURY!

OH! I CAN SEE FLASHLIGHTS ON THAT FIRST ROOF! THAT MEANS THEY'LL CATCH ME WHILE THE REAL CRIMINAL ESCAPES! BY THE TIME THEY GET HERE, HE'LL BE GONE! BUT, WAIT...?.. A LINE FULL OF WET CLOTHES!!

THESE WILL SLOW HIM UP, ALL RIGHT!

IT'S RIGHT ON THE NEXT STREET··· THERE ARE THREE OR FOUR RADIO CARS THERE ALREAD-- HEY! WHAT'S THAT? DID YOU SEE THAT, CAREY?

YES! STOP! PULL UP!



NO USE PULLING A KNIFE ⁄ YOU'RE THROUGH! LET'S GET A LOOK AT YOU WITHOUT THE MASK!

WHAT TH--

HOLY MACKEREL!

NO BLACK FURY HERE! I TOLD YOU THIS'D BE SOME JERK'S IDEA OF A GAG!

OH, YEAH? WELL, WHO DO YOU SUPPOSE LEFT THOSE WET FOOTPRINTS LEADING TO THE WINDOW? WE'RE FOUR STORIES FROM THE STREET AND IT'S A CINCH THE DAME CAN'T FLY! C'MON UP TO THE ROOF!

SHE WAS ON THIS ROOF A SECOND AGO! SPREAD OUT, MEN, WE'LL GET HER THIS TIME!

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